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JACK RYDER OUT EARLY.

AUSTRALIANS STILL
BATTING WELL.

JACKSON NEARLY REACHES
HIS CENTURY.

ONLY 133 RUNS BEHIND.

Australia are putting up a strong reply to England's total of 334, and at lunch-time today they had made 201 for the loss of 4 wickets, thus requiring only 133 runs to equal England's score with six wickets in hand.

It is almost certain that the youthful N.S.W. batsman will make his century, the wicket falling today being that of Ryder, the Australian skipper, who made nine runs and was then given out by w.

He had made 63 runs, batting brightly during a period of anxiety for the home team. The fourth wicket fell at 145 and Jackson and Bradman, who so far added 56 runs, for the fifth wicket.

Even Position.

When play was resumed this morning, the position was very even. The loss of three wickets quickly on Saturday cost the Australians the greater proportion of the advantage gained by their quick dismissal of the England team.

Jackson's debut in the Australian side is a triumph for those who claimed that the absence of youth was the chief contributory to their downfall in the previous Tests.

He seems well set for his century, which, if accomplished, will give him an honoured place among the list of players who have made a hundred on their first appearance in a Test match, headed by R. E. Foster, with 287, and eleven in number.

Ryder also batted with great skill, joining Jackson at a critical stage of the match and helping the younger player to put on 112 runs on Saturday.

To-day's Play.

Bright sunshine prevailed when Jackson and Ryder went to the wicket this morning to resume their innings, and a crowd of fifteen thousand gave them a warm welcome.

The wicket was playing exceedingly fast, and England's early bowlers gave the batsmen trouble. Runs came very slowly, and England met with success when the bowler showed 145. Ryder stepping in front of a straight ball from J. C. White and being given out before.

4th Wicket Stand.

Ryder's partnership with Jackson had put on 125 runs for the fourth wicket, an extremely valuable contribution. Ryder had made nine of the runs scored this morning.

Jackson was joined by Bradman and the pair settled down to steady batting. Geary's leg strain, which prevented him from bowling on Saturday, is reported to have improved.

At lunch-time the score stood at 201 for 4 wickets, though details are not yet available. Bradman and Jackson are unseparated, the former having compiled 34 and Jackson being within three of his century.

England—1st Innings.

J. D. Hobbs, c Ryder, b Hendry	74
H. Sutcliffe, at Oldfield, b Grimmett	64
W. R. Hammond, not out	119
D. R. Jardine, b Hendry, b Grimmett	1
E. Hendren, b Blackie	13
A. P. F. Chapman, c A. Beckett, b Ryder	80
G. Duckworth, c Ryder, b Grimmett	5
H. Larwood, b Hendry	8
G. Geary, run out	2
M. W. Tate, b Grimmett	2
J. C. White, c Ryder, b Grimmett	0
Extras	11

Total 334

Fall of wickets: 1 for 143 runs (Hobbs), 2 for 148 (Sutcliffe), 3 for 149 (Jardine), 4 for 179 (Hendren), 5 for 216 (Chapman), 6 for 268 (Duckworth), 7 for 270 (Larwood), 8 for 308 (Geary), 9 for 312 (Tate), 10 for 334 (White).

Bowling Analysis.

	O	M	R	W.
A. Beckett	8	1	44	1
Hendry	31	14	40	2
Grimmett	52	12	102	5
Oxenham	35	14	51	1
Blackie	29	6	57	1
Ryder	5	1	20	1

SHANGHAI STREET BATTLE.

THREE POLICEMEN SHOT
DEAD BY ROBBER.

PEDESTRIANS HIT.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

A sensational street battle between police and an armed robber had tragic consequences yesterday. It was the first time for several months that Shanghai has had an experience of this kind, and it was a wild affray eclipsing in its effects any previous battle.

The Russian was cornered by the Police in the Harbin Road district, but he took refuge in a house and held them at bay for some time.

Three policemen were shot down and killed by the robber, who appears to have been a brilliant shot with a revolver.

Four pedestrians were badly wounded by the felon, though it is not definitely known whether they went to the assistance of the police or were shot down accidentally in the course of the fusillade. —Our Own Correspondent.

The Telegraph's correspondent does not indicate the fate of the robber, and it is presumed that he made his escape.

SHANGHAI FROZEN IN ICY GRIP.

WORST WINTER FOR MANY
YEARS IN NORTH.

TEN DEGREES FROST.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

Shanghai is now experiencing its worst winter for many years, and its effect is illustrated by the high mortality rate in the poor districts of the native city, where many persons are found daily dead of exposure.

The cold snap has been visiting Shanghai for several days, and shows no abatement. This morning the thermometer showed 22 degrees, or ten degrees below freezing point.

All the creeks have been frozen over, and the local launch services are therefore completely paralysed. The rich-pullers and the destitute classes, including a large number of unemployed Russians, are acute sufferers as the result of the cold, and there is a high mortality in the native areas.

Numerous motor-cars refuse to start because of the cold, and a good number have come to a dead stop in the street after having been started. Householders are also troubled by burst water-pipes. —Our Own Correspondent.

TO OBSERVE ECLIPSE.

GERMAN EXPEDITION FOR
SUMATRA.

Berlin, Feb. 4.

An expedition of six, headed by Erwin Freundlich, Professor of the Astrophysical Observatory at Potsdam, is leaving for Sumatra to observe the eclipse on May 9th. Two railway wagons full of instruments, including six telescope cameras each nine metres long, and all necessary apparatus for an electric power station, have already been sent in advance. —Reuter.

Australia—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, c Duckworth, b Tate	97
A. Jackson, not out	0
H. L. Hendry, c Duckworth, b Larwood	2
A. P. Kippax, b White	8
J. S. Ryder, l.b.w., b White	63
D. Bradman not out	34
Extras	1

Total (for 4 wks.) 201

Fall of wickets: 1 for 1 run (Woodfull), 2 for 6 (Hendry), 3 for 19 (Kippax), 4 for 145 (Ryder).
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SPANISH REVOLT GRAVER.

TROOP INSURRECTION
AT VALENCIA.

GOVERNMENT PITILESSLY TO
SUPPRESS.

UNREST IN THE NAVY.

Paris, Feb. 3.

Travellers reaching Hendaye from Spain have graphic stories to tell of revolutionary outbreak in Valencia, where a large part of the garrison is in revolt. According to their stories, the situation is regarded as extremely grave.

A message from Madrid, however, says that General Primo de Rivera, the Director, has informed a delegation of journalists that despite the events in Valencia, the Spanish Football Cup Final, fixed for to-day, will be played there in accordance with schedule.

General Sanjurjo flew to Valencia to-day and telephoned to General de Rivera at midnight, saying "The rebels are now under discipline."

A decree has been issued ordering the newspapers to place a sixteenth part of their space at the disposal of the Government for official announcements.

It also reported that Sanchez Guerra, the ex-Premier, was nearly suffocated by fumes from a brazier installed in his cell at Valencia, through a default in the heating apparatus.

Three doctors, by using oxygen, just managed to resuscitate him. —Reuter.

Unrest in Navy?

Paris, Feb. 4.

A message from Madrid states that during last night the news from Valencia was so grave that the Government met hurriedly, whilst the Minister of Interior summoned the heads of the Detective Service.

An official statement issued at five o'clock yesterday morning stated that the Government was determined "pitilessly to suppress" the insurrection in Valencia.

All troops are confined to barracks, and there are now rumours of unrest in the Navy. —Reuter.

New Decrees Issued.

Madrid, Feb. 4.

A conference between King Alfonso and General Primo de Rivera was held at the Palace yesterday morning, lasting 150 minutes.

The King signed several new decrees, one of which created a special Court "to establish close relationship between the police and military." —Reuter.

Paris, Feb. 3. The newspapers state that messages from Hendaye, on the Spanish frontier, report that three high Spanish officers, sentenced to death after the recent revolt at Ciudad Real, have committed suicide. —Reuter.

Rigorous Measures.

Madrid, Feb. 3.

A communique states—"In consequence of indefinite but important news received yesterday, the Government has decided to act vigorously. It has sent General Sanjurjo to Valencia to remove, and appoint substitutes for, all civil and military authorities in whom absolute confidence is not felt." —Reuter.

FAMISHED WOLVES INVADE CITY.

SNOWBOUND CONSTANTINOPLE
INOPLE TERRORISED.

Constantinople, Feb. 3.

Turkey is gripped in the worst winter for more than a quarter of a century, the country being covered with a vast blanket of snow.

In some places, the snow is more than four feet thick, and all communications, by land and sea, are practically paralysed.

There have been numerous deaths from exposure, but a new and more terrible danger threatens Constantinople, large packs of famished wolves having ventured into the outskirts of the city, attacking human beings.

The wolves have been driven in from the country, and are infesting the suburbs, striking terror into the inhabitants. —Reuter.

HELP FOR BRITISH MINERS.

PRINCE'S SECOND APPEAL
TO BRITISHERS.

EVERY \$5 MEANS \$1.

There is still a pressing need for funds with which to relieve the distress amongst British miners and their families.

So greatly has the Prince of Wales been moved by the appalling conditions which he saw on his recent tour of the North of England that he intends visiting the stricken areas in the Welsh coalfield. After this tour is completed, His Royal Highness will make an earnest appeal to Britishers for more financial assistance to relieve the distress.

Hongkong has, so far, not responded to the appeal to anything like the extent that might be expected, and it is to be hoped that a keener appreciation of the suffering of the miners and their families will soon be apparent.

Other places in the East are gathering funds, in which connection we may mention that in Hankow nearly \$1,400 has already been subscribed, including \$293 from H. M. ships on the Yangtze, whilst a stream of contributions is being received by the Times of Malaya in Ipoh, the first \$100 having already been sent home.

The Hongkong Telegraph is prepared to receive, acknowledge and forward to the proper quarters subscriptions to the Lord Mayor's Fund. To-day, a further \$5 is to be handed from a reader signing himself "Well-Wisher," who, in forwarding it, says—"It is up to Hongkong to show that it is not behind-hand in helping those who cannot help themselves."

Miss Doris Woods, in forwarding \$5, says:—"Please accept my very small contribution to a noble fund."

The donations received so far are: Already acknowledged \$50, "Well-Wisher" 5, Miss Doris Woods 5. The British Government has promised to add \$1 to every \$1 raised by the fund, so that every \$5 subscribed in Hongkong will really mean an addition of \$1.

NANKING AND FAMINE RELIEF.

DEDUCTIONS FROM OFFICIAL
SALARIES.

Nanking, Feb. 3.

A proposal put forward that a deduction should be made from the salaries of officials of the Nanking Government for the benefit of the sufferers of the famine conditions in Honan, Shensi, Kansu, Shansi and Suiyuan was adopted at a meeting of the State Council held yesterday.

Mr. Hsieh Tu-pai, the Minister of Health, has been instructed to make a personal tour of the Kansu and Honan famine areas in order to obtain first-hand information of the problems. Other officials have been instructed to visit other centres.

SUN SUN COMPANY STRIKE.

EMPLOYEES AT LAST RETURN
TO WORK.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

After a strike lasting for more than a month, the employees of the Sun Sun Company, universal providers, returned to work yesterday, an agreement having been signed between the manager of the Company, and the strikers delegates on Friday.

It will be recalled that the strikers put forward a long list of extravagant demands, but nothing has been given out to indicate the terms of the settlement. The strikers are said to be only too glad to get back to work.

MARSHAL FENG.

TO RETURN TO HONAN.

Nanking, Feb. 3.

It is reported that Marshal Feng Yu-shiang will leave for Honan shortly to recuperate. He is suffering from a rather severe chill.

PRISONER MAKES MISTAKE.

APOLOGY TO FELLOW
ACCUSED.

WANTS TO MAKE STATEMENT
IN OWN WAY.

FORGED NOTE TRIAL.

Some diversion was caused at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) when one of the four prisoners charged in connexion with forged bank notes, in telling his story from the witness-box, referred several times to the part played by the fourth prisoner (Chau Hoi), but afterwards stated that he meant the third prisoner (Lai Hon).

The matter arose when the first prisoner, Wu Wang-ngai, was being cross-examined by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, prosecuting for the Crown.

Prisoner said that he was introduced to Chan Wing (alleged to be one of the principals who is not in custody) by the fourth prisoner. Wu then corrected himself and stated that he meant he was introduced by the third prisoner, and apologised for making the mistake.

The Charges.

In this case Wu Wang-ngai, Li Lai-chan (a woman), Lai Hon and Chau Hoi are jointly charged with conspiracy to utter forged \$50 bank notes purporting to be those issued by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. There are other charges of possession of notes and the first prisoner is also charged with possession of forged implements.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, junior, instructed by Mr. Leo D'Almada, senior, is defending the fourth prisoner.

The case for the Crown was closed on Friday afternoon and the trial was adjourned until this morning to hear the defence.

Wu Wang-ngai elected to go into the witness-box and give evidence on oath. He stated that the forged notes had nothing to do with him but "were the business of Chan Wing." Prisoner also said that the notes were not found in his possession, on his person, or anywhere in his custody.

His Lordship pointed out that the prisoner was not charged with possession of the notes, but conspiracy to utter them.

In His Own Way.

To this prisoner replied that if he could make his statement in his own way, perhaps he could better make the Court understand.

His Lordship commented that he was only trying to help the prisoner. Wu continued that even the police officers knew to whom the notes belonged and where they were found. He had known Chan Wing for about two weeks before he (prisoner) was arrested and he was introduced to Chan Wing by the fourth prisoner (Chau Hoi).

Wu denied taking part in the bargaining for the sale of the bank notes, again adding that it was Chan Wing's business. He further said that he did not get anything out of the dealings.

With regard to the plates for printing, which were found by the police, prisoner said that they were handed to him by a man named George Sunke, who explained that he was very busy, and would have to leave for two or three months as he wanted to go back to the country on some urgent business. Prisoner said that when he received the plates, they were wrapped up in paper.

Cross-examined by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, accused said he occupied the front cubicle of the house at 19 Queen's Road East. The middle one was occupied by a distant relative.

Found in Drawer.

Witness explained that the police began to search the premises about half an hour after he arrived there, and, finding the bottom drawer in a chest of drawers locked, they asked for the key. This was produced by his wife, and when the drawer was opened

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THE KING MOVED INTO CHAIR.

NEW SIGNS OF INCREASING
STRENGTH.

BOGNOR ALTERATION.

London, Feb. 3.

The only official information regarding His Majesty at the Palace to-night was a statement to the effect that the King's condition was unchanged.

Reuter, however, understands that after a restful night, His Majesty had a good day, and that his strength has increased somewhat.

How much this gain in strength really means is shown by information to the effect that the King was able to be moved from his bed to a chair which was moved to the window so that the King could enjoy the sunny day.

Meanwhile, the windows of the rooms set aside for His Majesty at Craigwell House, Bognor, have been taken out, and are being reglazed with special glass admitting ultra-violet rays.

A squad of Royal Marines is busy inside the House rearranging the furniture in accordance with the wishes of Her Majesty the Queen.

Complete confidence in His Majesty's ultimate recovery is now generally felt, though the doctors still stress the fact that he has not yet reached the stage of convalescence. —Reuter.

GERMAN SHIPPING DISASTER.

S.S. DEISTER STRIKES ROCK
OFF OPORTO.

ALL HANDS DROWNED.

Lisbon, Feb. 3.

Wrecked off the coast of Portugal to-day in a violent storm, the German s.s. Deister (1,730 tons) sank within a very short space of time, before her S.O.S. messages could bring assistance.

It is feared that the entire crew of the ill-fated vessel, which was formerly known as the Franziska, have been drowned.

Caught in a violent gale driving in from the Atlantic, her master evidently made an effort to reach safe harbour, and ran for Oporto. The Deister crashed on the rocks a few miles out of Oporto, apparently having been driven out of her course by the storm.

The vessel is equipped with wireless, but she must have sunk in a remarkably short time. She was built in 1921 in Germany, and her owners were Messrs. Rablen and Stadlander, the vessel being registered at Bremen. —Reuter.

GARTH CASTLE NOW RE-FLOATED.

GOOD WORK BY TUGS IN A
ROUGH SEA.

London, Feb. 3.

The Union Castle liner, s.s. Garth Castle, was refloated successfully last evening from Sizewell Bank, off Aldeburgh, Suffolk, where she grounded on Friday morning in a fog.

Five tugs took part in the operations and their task was rendered difficult in spite of the high tide, as a strong wind developed, and a rough sea was running.

The vessel, which was due to leave for South Africa on Tuesday, was towed in a southerly direction, apparently making for the Thames.

It was reported that she suffered no damage by her stranding, but an examination will be necessary, before she leaves port. —British Wireless.

SHANGHAI ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

CHINESE RATEPAYERS
OPPOSE SALE.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.

The Chinese ratepayers are vigorously opposing the projected sale of the Shanghai Municipal Council's electricity department to private interests, reported recently, fearing a monopoly and higher rates. —Our Own Correspondent.

CIVIL AVIATION IN ENGLAND.

SCHEME FOR UNIFIED
CONTROL.

OFFICIAL BACKING TO BIG
UNDERTAKING.

BIG POSSIBILITIES.

London, Feb. 3.

The formation of an organisation which, with official support, is to provide a practical flying system for the whole country, is explained in detail by Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, in a White Paper issued during the week-end.

He states that an agreement is about to be concluded between the Air Ministry, and an organisation calling itself the National Flying Services Company, providing for a grant of Government assistance during ten years to the company.

The Company has been formed for the purpose inter alia of establishing near London, and at a number of provincial centres, civil flying clubs, and facilities for training and practice in flying, and of providing a number of civil aerodromes and landing grounds.

Pilotage Grants.

The form the Government assistance is to take, is a grant in respect of each Club member, who qualifies for the issue of the renewal of a pilot's licence on aircraft belonging to the Club which is British made and British registered.

Present service in the Royal Air Force, Air Force Reserve, or Auxiliary Air Force, or past service in those forces as a pilot, unless such service terminated before August 31st, 1921, will be a bar to a grant.

The rate of the grant for the first three years will be £10 for each Club member qualifying, subject to a maximum of £15,000 per annum, and for the next seven years will be £5 per member, the aggregate of grants payable for any of these years being £7,500, or such sum as may be required to bring the profits of the company for the year up to five per cent of the paid-up capital.

After ten years, no further grants will be payable.

Network of Aerodromes.

The payments of the grants approved will be subject to the fulfilment by the Company of an undertaking to provide and maintain directly or indirectly, twenty new aerodromes and eighty new landing grounds in Britain within a period of three years.

Captain the Hon. F. E. Guest, who was the Air Minister from 1921 to 1922, will be the chairman of the Company, and included in the Board of Directors will be the Master of Sempill, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, and Sir Alan Cobham, the famous long-distance flier.

Start in April.

The Company expects to commence operations by April of this year with an initial fleet of a hundred machines for tuition, private hire, and other activities.

Already the principal aerodrome near London has been secured and this will be developed first and provided with a Country Club to attract visiting pilots. Similar facilities will be provided at other aerodromes as the traffic develops and the membership grows.

The developments are regarded as private charters to feed the imperial air lines, while facilities will be provided for garaging privately-owned aircraft.

It is claimed by the Company that its primary object is to foster the development of civil aviation, and it may be noted that Captain F. E. Guest, the Chairman, will be unpaid. —British Wireless.

GENERAL BOOTH NOW WELL AGAIN.

RETURNS TO HIS HOME AT
BARNET.

London, Feb. 3.

General Bramwell Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army, returned to his home at Barnet to-day after a long convalescence at Southwold. —Reuter.

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SHING MUN WATER SCHEME.

COUNCIL MEMBERS INSPECT THE PROPOSED NEW WORKS.

INTERESTING TOUR.

An opportunity to visit the scene of the Shing Mun Valley waterworks was afforded to members of the two Councils—the Executive—and representatives of the Press yesterday when, under the leadership of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), they paid a visit to this district and had explained to them the whole scheme. The technical matters were dealt with by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, (Director of Public Works) and the technical staff of the Public Works Department—Mr. R. M. Henderson (Water Engineer), Mr. A. B. Purvis (Assistant Water Engineer) and Mr. George Kynoch (in charge of Kowloon waterworks).

The members forming His Excellency's party were His Excellency Major General Luard, C.B., C.M.G., who was accompanied by his A.D.C., Major Hana, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes, Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Hon. Mr. R.A.C. North (Secretary of Chinese Affairs), Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Hon. Dr. S. W. Tse, Capt. A. J. L. Whyte (His Excellency's A. D. C.), Mr. W. R. Scott (H.E.'s private secretary), Mr. B. Wylie (South China Morning Post), Mr. D. J. Evans (Hongkong Daily Press) and Mr. W. A. Donaldson (China Mail).

The party was conveyed across the harbour from Queen's Pier on the Government launch Britannia, disembarking at the Police Pier at Tsimtsatsui, where a fleet of motor cars awaited them, those of the Kowloon-Canton Railway in charge of Mr. J. Smith and others of the Hongkong Hotel Garage in charge of Mr. White.

Starting from the Police Pier, the cars travelled over the Lai-chikok Road to a point up the Pine-apple Pass which they reached at 9.45 a.m. The party then proceeded by foot, led by His Excellency, through beautifully wooded country until they reached the Shing Mun gorge. Here Mr. Henderson, the engineer in charge, described the excavation on the hill for the preliminary inspection trench for the prospective gorge reservoir. This dam, it was explained, will have a height of 200 ft. when completed. It will be 70 ft. higher than any dam yet known to be constructed in England.

The Gorge Reservoir.

After listening to the explanations in connexion with the prospective works for the gorge reservoir, the party proceeded to the North end of the North tunnel. This tunnel has a length of 2,100 ft. and the South tunnel a length of 4,000 ft. Between these two tunnels there is another conduit 2,000 ft. in length. It was explained that in addition to the gorge reservoir, which will impound about 900,000,000 gallons of water, it is proposed to build two other dams at lower depths which will impound respectively 1,700,000,000 gallons and 400,000,000. In connexion with these two dams, it is proposed to pump the water up into the North tunnel and this will eventually find its way to Kowloon and Hongkong. On the completion of the Shing Mun gorge reservoir, the temporary conduit at present in operation will be completely submerged and put out of action.

Retracing their steps, the party was conducted over the dam aqueduct to the present Shing Mun intake, which they stopped to inspect. This intake at present impounds the water from the Shing Mun river leading into the temporary aqueduct, the rate of delivery at present being 2,000,000 gallons per day.

Villagers Present Petition.

The party proceeded towards the Shing Mun and adjacent villages, a halt being made at Shing Mun, where a number of villagers had collected in anticipation of His Excellency's arrival. It was conveyed to him His Excellency that the villagers desired to present a petition to him. His Excellency acceded to their request, and sympathetically listened while a Mr. Fung put forward the case of the villagers. The sum and substance of the petition related to the amount of compensation payable for resumptions in connexion with the proposed scheme. His Excellency expressed his entire sympathy with the villagers, pointing out to them that the urgent necessity of a water supply for Kowloon and Hongkong left the Government with no option but to resume. He assured the petitioners that the Government would sympathetically consider the points raised. The villagers could rest assured that the Government would deal with the question of the amount of compensation in a fair and reasonable manner.

Attention was next directed to a cutting on the hillside, which was explained by Mr. Henderson as the trench for the projected Shing Mun Valley dam. It must be remembered that the site for the Shing Mun reservoir has not yet been definitely decided upon for the reason that, as at present ascertained, the present site may not be the best economically.

The party was subsequently conducted to another site which it is proposed to explore with the view to discovering whether it will prove more economical. It was stated that although a great deal of preliminary work had been undertaken and was now in progress, the earliest date that work could be commenced in earnest, was in a couple of years from now.

The party returned to Pine-apple Pass, where luncheon was taken, the tour having taken about two hours and a half.

The Bye-wash Reservoir.

Lunch over, the party broke up. Those who remained behind, proceeded to the site for the bye-wash reservoir in the upper Lai-chikok valley. Of the day's outing, this inspection provided perhaps the most interesting feature. The party made their way down a pathway to the present filter beds, where Mr. Henderson explained the working of Patterson's chloromine apparatus, constructed for correctly admixing chlorine with the filtered water delivered to the houses. Led by His Excellency, the party was conducted through the tunnel, by the upper Lai-chikok valley, to the site of the proposed new byewash reservoir, where work has been commenced in connexion with the trench on the hillside for the new dam. This work, it was explained, was extremely economical in as much as the total cost will not exceed \$600,000. The byewash reservoir will receive the overflow from the present Kowloon reservoir and in due course will also take the overflow from Shing Mun.

The party next inspected what is known as the Shing Mun inspection reservoir and saw the water flowing out of the South end of the South tunnel. It is estimated that it will take eighteen months to complete the byewash reservoir and three years to finish the Shing Mun gorge dam.

Filtration Plant.

Until the visit yesterday, there was probably no conception of anyone in the Colony outside the Water Works department of the extent and the perfection of the filtration plant which has been constructed within the Lai-chikok upper area. This plant is very up-to-date and has been installed at a cost of \$200,000 for the filtration of 5,000,000 gallons of water per day. To complete an installation for 10,000,000 gallons per day will mean an additional cost of \$100,000, or \$300,000 in all. The ultimate extension of this plant will enable 20,000,000

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gallons per day to be treated at a cost of \$600,000. The plant is from the Patterson Engineering Company of London and is known as of the rapid gravity type. The details of its working were explained by Mr. Henderson. All the water passing through this plant comes from Shing Mun. There is a filtered water reservoir, capable of holding 10,000,000 gallons, now under construction at a cost, when completed, of \$400,000. It covers two acres of ground and has an average depth of 17 ft.

It is interesting to note that the 24 in. cast iron pipes which have been laid in Nathan Road starts from the filtered water reservoir. It is down the deep gully at this point that the most difficult work of laying the pipes can be seen. The whole length of the pipes to a point on the Kowloon sea wall, at the end of Nathan Road, is four miles, and the cross-harbour line of piping, which will be of steel, will be one and a fifth miles. The harbour pipes will extend from the railway ground at Kow-

LEAGUE'S GIFT.

THREE BIG CASES OF BOOKS FOR NANKING.

Nanking, Feb. 2.

M. Avenol, a delegate of the League of Nations to China, has announced that he is the bearer of three large cases of books, comprising several hundred of volumes, representing publications by the League since its organisation in 1919, which he has been instructed to present to the National Government of China, on behalf of the League of Nations.—Reuter.

loon to Queen's Pier on the Hongkong side.

The survey of the harbour bed has been completed. The greatest depth is 57 ft., with an average depth of 35 ft. The whole of the Shing Mun scheme and its contingent works will cost, at a very rough estimate, \$17,000,000. Under normal conditions between ten and twelve years will be necessary to complete the scheme, but if difficulties arise it may take much longer.

BANDITS ACTIVE.

SEIZE CUSTOMS STATION AND STEAL THE FUNDS.

Peking, Feb. 3.

Chinese circles state that bandits have captured the sub-office of Customs at Tachlakow, in the vicinity of Kiaochow, and have seized the Customs funds. In view of the activities of bandits in Shantung, General Ma Hung-kuei is sending special regiments of cavalry and infantry to suppress them.—Reuter.

Trouble in Eastern Shantung.

Peking, Feb. 3.

Order has been restored at Lungkow, where the troops mutinied some days ago.

The Japanese destroyers which were despatched to protect Japanese lives and property have returned to Port Arthur.

The situation in Eastern Shantung province, however, is still not tranquil, owing to the appearance of bandits, Red Spears, the Big Sword Society and other organisations in many districts.—Reuter.

SALESMAN \$AM

Page the Postmaster

By Small

GEE MR. GUZZLEM THOSE COLLEGE BOYS CERTAINLY INSISTED ON YOUR HIRING SAM, DIDN'T THEY?

YEAH, AND THEY AIN'T IN ONLY ONES ASKIN' IN THAT I HIRE HIM BACK, EITHER—BETTER CALL UP SAM AN' TELL HIM TA RUSH DOWN HERE—

CASHIER ALSO PUBLIC TELEPHONE

HERE I AM, GUZZ! SO YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TA TAKE ME ON AS A CLERK?

YEP, I'M FORCED TO! WHY, I GOT FIFTEEN LETTERS 'TODAY, ASKIN' ME TA GIVE YA A JOB—TAKE OFF YER HAT AN' GO TA WORK—

CASHIER ALSO PUBLIC TELEPHONE

YEAH, KITTY, I'M GLAD TA GET BACK AT WORK, BUT I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY GUZZ GOT FIFTEEN LETTERS BOOSTIN' ME!

WHAT'S STRANGE ABOUT THAT?

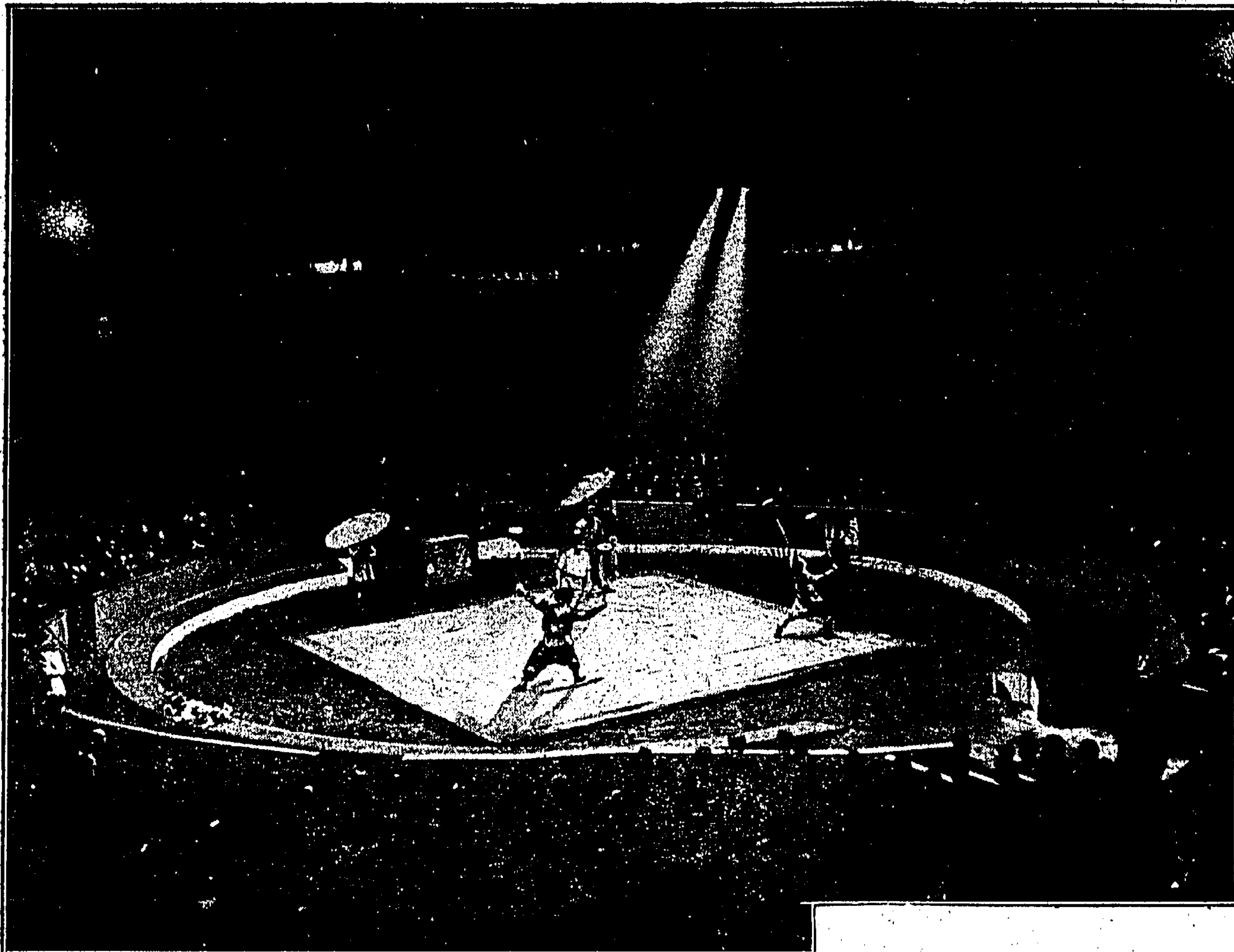
CASHIER ALSO PUBLIC TELEPHONE

WHY, I WROTE AT LEAST TWENTY FIVE!

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Children thrive well if nourished by **SCOTT'S Emulsion** which enriches the blood and prevents childhood ailments. Ask for **SCOTT'S Emulsion**





An acrobatic turn in progress during a performance at the Olympia recently (Taken with a Taylor-Hobson Cooke Lens). (Times copyright).



An exhibition of trick skating on one of the ice rinks at the well-known winter sports resort in the Engadine. (Times copyright).



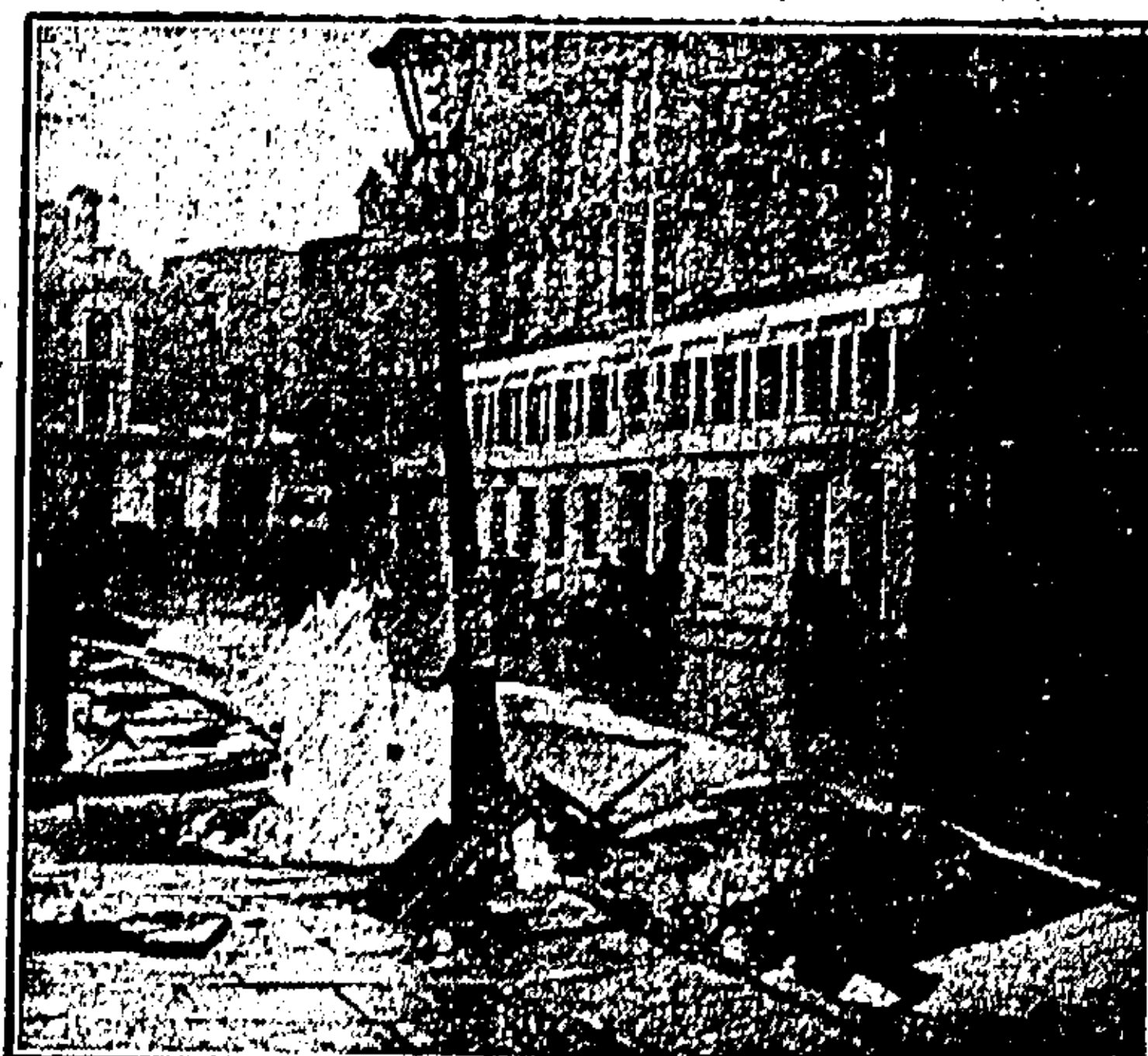
Our picture shows some of Miss Cone's girls rehearsing for their parts as fairies in "Cinderella" which was produced at Christmas at the Scala Theatre, London. (Times copyright).



The famous autogyro machine which had an accident after flying the Channel, has been reconstructed and is shown above as it appeared during exhibition in the United States recently.



Our picture shows the MacLaren-Fuller girls, who appeared at Xmas in the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" which was produced at the Lyceum Theatre, London. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows flames from a gas main during the Holborn explosions. The gap in the road shows where a manhole cover was blown out. (Times copyright).

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344, 363, 371, 374, 376, 381
385, 411, 426, 427, 443, 445
455, 461, 462, 465, 474

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FOR SALE.—Large Pram in very good condition complete with NERFADE sun canopy, \$30 or offer. Apply BARKER, 505, The Peak.

FOR SALE.—No. 18, Broadwood Road. Bungalow with approx. 21,013 sq. ft. land including tennis court.

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CARS FOR SALE.

BUICK.—Five-seater tourer, Majestic body, owner driven since new, splendid condition, has done only moderate mileage. Tyres new. Available middle or end February. Rev. G. E. S. Upsell, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—A Spacious and Well-Lighted Godown 151, Praya East. Apply:—Gandee, Price & Co., Ltd.

TO LET.—European HOUSE, 7 and 9, Middle Road, Kowloon. Verandah facing Harbour. Equipped with Flush System. Apply in writing to Mr. Yue, 62, Wing Lok Street.

TO LET.—No. 7, Stewart Terrace, 270 Peak, from March 1st to October 31st. Five rooms fully furnished. Modern Sanitation, servants' quarters, garden. Apply F. A. Mackintosh.

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HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

1929 FLOWER SHOW

To be held at VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS

Thursday, 21st February

Entries Close Noon Wednesday, 13th February

Schedules may be had on Application to the Secretary

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New Advertisements

NOTICE.

This Company will close business from Saturday, the 9th February to Wednesday, the 13th February, for Chinese New Year Holidays, and will resume business on Thursday, the 14th February 1929.

THE INTERNATIONAL DRY CLEANING & DYING CO.
Hongkong, 1st February, 1929.

NOTICE.

Owners and Drivers of Motor vehicles are hereby notified that the following Streets will be closed to Motor Traffic from Sunday, the 3rd inst. until Sunday, the 10th inst.:

Jervois Street.
Bonham Strand East and Bonham Strand West.
Hillier Street.
Cleverly Street.
Wing Lok Street.
Morrison Street.
Rumsey Street.
Wellington Street between Pottinger Street and Queen's Road Central.
E. D. C. WOLFE,
Capt. Supt. of Police.
Hongkong, 1st Feb., 1929.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on Saturday, the 23rd February, 1929, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 11th February, to Saturday, the 23rd February, 1929, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th Feb., 1929.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. W. L. Plew has been appointed as from the 1st February, 1929, manager of the above Hotel in the place of Mr. C. W. Hannigan.

ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LTD.

NOTICE.

LIZZIE'S BEAUTY PARLOUR is now open at 23, Ice House Street, 1st floor, (below Mee Cheung's), 12 years experience in Ladies high-class hairdressing.

Hours 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Appointments Phone Central 236 or C.4962.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

INTERPORT GAME.

Hongkong v. Shanghai.

MONDAY, February 11th, 3.30 p.m.

Booking for Clubs will definitely close on the 4th February.

Booking for Public will open on the 5th at the H.K.F. Club House, Happy Valley every evening, from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

s.s. "BENGLOE."

Consignees are hereby informed that owing to damage sustained by accident in the Suez Canal this vessel's arrival will probably be delayed one month.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents,
Hongkong, 1st February, 1929.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS OF HONGKONG.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. L. A. PARKER, M.I. Mech. M.I. Mar. E., (Member), will give an illustrated lecture on:—

"The Lubrication of Motor-Car Engines", in our Lecture Hall, on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th**, commencing at 5.45 p.m.

The Committee extend a cordial invitation to anyone who may be interested.

A. LANDSBERT,
Hon. Secretary.

NAVY CONTRACTS, 1929-1930.

Sealed Tenders, in duplicate, for the supply of the undermentioned Stores for H.M. Naval Service at Hong Kong during the period 1st April, 1929 to 31st March, 1930 will be received by the Commodore, H.M. Naval Yard, until noon on Monday, the 18th February, 1929:—

Frozen Meat.
Fresh Vegetables.
Soft Bread.
Biscuit.
Rice.
Sugar.

Forms of Tender and any necessary information may be obtained on application to the Victualling Store Officer, H.M. Naval Depot, Kowloon.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.
H.M. NAVAL DEPOT,
KOWLOON.
Hongkong, 4th Feb., 1929.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on **TUESDAY, 5th February, 1929**, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 19th January, to Tuesday, 5th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

EXTRA MEETINGS 1929.

Provisional Dates of Meetings.

9th March
30th March & 1st April.
13th April
27th April
18th & 20th May
12th & 14th October
26th October
16th November
30th November.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Friday, the 8th February, 1929, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1928.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 31st January to Friday, 8th February, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1929.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Interport Game.

Hongkong v. Shanghai
Monday, February 11th 3.30 p.m.
Members are notified that seats may now be booked (for Members' area only) at the Club House, Happy Valley every evening from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

Lammert's Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on **WEDNESDAY**, the 6th February, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Silver and E. P.

WARE,

and

A Few Code Books

(Bentley, and A. B. C., etc.)
On View from Tuesday, the 5th February, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

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A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—

Teak Hatstand, Tapestry Covered Couch and Armchairs, Glass cabinets, Desks, Grand Piano, Cottage Piano, Gramophones, Sewing Machines, Bookcases, Pictures, Oil Paintings, Carpets, Rugs, Porcelain Vases, Ornaments, Steel Cabin Trunks, Perambulators, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chests, Aluminium Ware, Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, etc., etc.

Brass and Teak Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Chests of Drawers, Washstands, Commodore, Crockery, Linen, etc., etc.

and

A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View Tuesday, the 5th February, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on **THURSDAY**,

the 7th February, 1929, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Valuable Collection of Postage Stamps.

Particulars from Catalogue.

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Upper Level, \$22.00 " "
Middle Level, \$21.00 " "
Central Office, \$20.00 " "
Kowloon \$17.00 " "
The above prices include delivery charges to destination.

The Empire Press Union is making preliminary arrangements to hold its fourth Imperial Press Conference in the British Isles in June, 1930. Invitations have been issued to the autonomous sections of the Empire Press Union established in the Dominions and in India, to form delegations to the Conference, and arrangements will also be made to include responsible representatives of newspapers published in all other parts of the Empire. There will be, approximately, 100 delegates, who will be the guests of the Press of the United Kingdom throughout their visit.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1350 s.
Chartered Bank, \$224 b.
Mercantile & B., \$34 s.
P. and O. \$91 n.
East Asiatic, \$96 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$690 s.
Union Ins., \$370 s.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.40 s.
China Fire, \$280 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$785 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$36 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$26.90 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$1.40 b.
Indo-China, (Dof.) \$90 n.
Shell Trans., \$13/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$224 b.

Mining.

Bonguet, \$2.40 b.
Kailans, 69/- b.
Lampkote, Tls. 11.60 b.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.90 s.
Rauhs, \$52 b.
Toucho, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$131 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$405 n.
China Providents, \$5.10 b.
Hongkong, Tls. 164 s.
New Engineering, Tls. 51 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 106 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.90 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2.20 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 65 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.20 b.
H. K. Lands, \$65 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 165 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Roalies, \$81 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$20.60 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s.
Star Forries, \$713 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$12.75 b.
H. K. Electric, \$533 s.
Macao Electric, \$261 n.
Telephones \$6.30 s.
China Buses, Tls. 101 b.
Singapore Tractors, 11/6 n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.10 b.
Malabons, \$27 b.
Canton Ices, \$3.50 n.
Cements (Comb) \$9.65 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7.20 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$212 s.
Watsons, \$13.30 s.
Der A. Wing, \$80 b.
Lano Crawfords, \$3.05 n.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincoros, \$104 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3.65 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$27 s.
Constructions, \$1.50 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$664%
H. K. G. Loans 5% Prom Interest

LETTER GOLF.

Why wait months for crops to ripen when it's possible to make them GROW RIPE in nine steps?

G	R	O	W
R	I	P	E

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Hen, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word of common usage for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

Nanking, Feb. 3.

It is reported that Mr. Alfred Sze, the Minister designate to London, will probably return to China from Washington for a conference with Dr. C. T. Wang before taking up his new post.—Reuters.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.

Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—

(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word, and
(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

It is hereby notified that on and after 30th January radio telegrams will be accepted for transmission to Swatow at \$0.20 per word. The receiving station will collect the charge due to its Service.

INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Date
Japan	Chicago Maru	February 4
Australia and Manila	Tanda	February 4
Shanghai and Amoy	Linon	February 4
Shanghai	Philoctetes	February 5
Shanghai and Swatow	Nanning	February 5
Japan	Himalaya Maru	February 5
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 14th and 16th January)	Kilderporo	February 5
Straits and London	Patroclus	February 8
Japan and Shanghai	Hakone Maru	February 8
Australia and Manila	Change	February 8
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Polk	February 9
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Madison	February 11
Saigon	Compagne	February 12
Manila	Emp. of Australia	February 13
Straits	Sado Maru	February 14

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S.	President Lincoln	Mon., Jan. 4
America and Europe via Victoria	Parcels	 3 p.m.
	Registration	 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C. 26th February).	
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	President Lincoln	Mon., Feb. 4
	Registration	 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	 6 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kongso	Mon., Feb. 4, 4 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang	Mon., Feb. 4, 5 p.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chinhua	Tues., Feb. 5, 8.30 a.m.
Mombasa, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Singapore	Chicago Maru	Tues., Feb. 5, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, *Amoy and Poochow	Hai Ching	Tues., Feb. 5, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Sinkiang	Tues., Feb. 5, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Philoctetes	Tues., Feb. 5, 1.30 p.m.
	K. F. O.	
	Registration	 1 p.m.
	Letters	 1 p.m.
	G. F. O.	
	Registration	 1.45 p.m.
	Letters	 2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 8th March).	
Formosa	Hosang	Tues., Feb. 5, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia (except Thursday Island and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Himalaya Maru	Wed., Feb. 6, 9.45 a.m.
	Reg.	 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Brisbane, 23rd Feb.)	

WOMAN CURED AFTER 25 YEARS' SUFFERING BY POO ON CHINESE HERBS. FIVE IN ONE FAMILY RESTORED TO HEALTH.

Mrs. F. Melnhart, who resided at 15, H. Street, Modesto, Cal., U.S.A., says:—"For 25 long years I suffered with severe pains in my left side that at times confined me to bed for days. I was unable to do my work or move about. Along with these came dropsy and stomach trouble. I was unable to eat very much without causing gas, pain and distress. Words cannot express my suffering during these years. My husband spent thousands of dollars seeking relief for me. I have been to scores of doctors, many of whom were rated as specialists of high standing, but none was able to tell me what was the trouble and relieve me. Almost every time I went to a doctor I was advised to have my side operated upon or a change of climate for my dropsy and stomach trouble. Fortunately I was not operated upon but my family and I have spent years seeking a climate or medicine that would help me. We left our home at Kansas and travelled to Alabama, Oregon and California and there consulted many specialists of these States, but without avail. I have never gotten any better during these years of travelling and doctoring but became worse and more discouraged as everything failed. Thinking a dry climate would help, we decided to try San Joaquin Valley and came to Modesto to reside. It was here after a time that I heard of the great benefit of the Poo On Chinese Herbs and the great cures accredited to them. At first I was sceptical and doubtful, and thought that they were another panacea. But I decided to go, thinking in my distress, that there was a possible chance left. At the time I went I weighed 125 pounds and to-day I weigh 175 pounds. I must say that the result of taking Poo On Chinese Herbs must have been miraculous to me. After taking the Herbs I was first entirely cured of dropsy and stomach trouble and, after more treatment, the pain in my side left and has never returned. I have never felt better all my life than I do to-day and I own nothing but thanks and gratitude towards Poo On Chinese Herbs and Yee Foo Lun, the Herbalist.

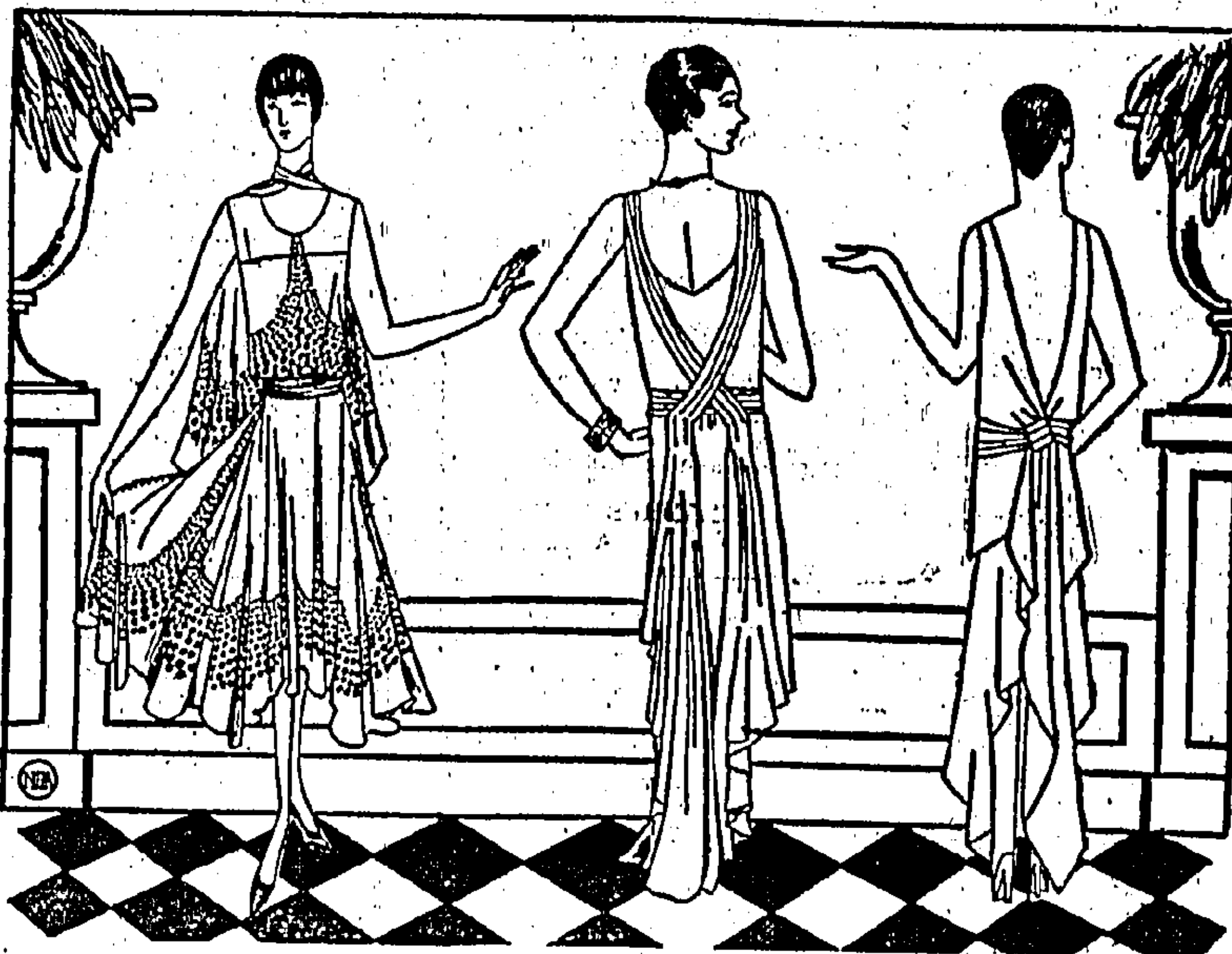
After years of suffering and after the enormous expense of travelling and the endless doctors' bills, there is nothing that I can do but speak good for the Poo On Chinese Herbs and heartily recommend them.

Four other members of my family have also been cured by the Poo On Chinese Herbs, which causes me to endorse them more strongly. My husband was suffering from a sore on his lip that was painful and troublesome, and as he was a heavy smoker, we believed that it was turning to smoking cancer. He consulted the herbalist and was given some remedies and he was entirely cured and the sore has gone.

THE POO ON HERBS CO.

YEE FOO LUN, Chinese Herbalist, Managing Director, Main Office: Modesto, Calif., U.S.A., Hong Kong Office, 60, Queen's Road Central, Office Hours daily: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Evening Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. by special appointment only. European Lady in Attendance.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.



Evening gowns for different moods depends on fabric and cut. (Left to right) There's movement in every fold of Patou's "robe pour danser," a modern evening gown made of chenille dotted silk net. Its scarf heightens the suggestion of movement. An off-white mousseline gown expresses dignity and grace in its longer skirt and the unusual back treatment. A beautiful yellow panne velvet dress, eloquently formal and reminiscent of the "grande robe du soir" of old, has both dignity and repose in its flowing lines.

Lax Morals.

WE ARE MORE TOLERANT NOW.

[By a Girl of To-day]

There used to be a popular catchphrase which ran: "If you don't draw the line somewhere where are you to draw the line?" The answer nowadays is, apparently, "Nowhere." At any rate, not in society! It is now possible to do almost anything and get away with it; even to let everybody know that you do it. We pride ourselves on our tolerance, on our broad-mindedness, and on our emancipation from narrow Victorian standards.

We meet women who have been divorced three or four times, and men over whose dinner-tables preside other than their lawful partners.

It is well known that certain young girls are, as the curious old phrase has it, "no better" than they should be.

I admit that we are slightly harder on them than on their brothers, but all the same we don't much mind.

And it is not only lax morals that society now tolerates or even embraces; it is social laxity in every direction. This latter mercy, though more commendable, is even more curious.

There was recently a certain amount of trouble over uninvited guests. Had such a scene occurred during the last century or even just before the war, the participants would never, metaphorically, have been able to hold up their heads again. Their acquaintances would have done their best not to know them, and they would have slunk away into the outer darkness.

But now I doubt very much if any one of them is a penny the worse.

And whence flows all this broad-mindedness, all this tolerance? Why have we changed since the

Three Recipes For Honey.

TO MAKE A GOOD BROWN TOFFEE.

Take 1 lb. brown Demerara sugar and put in a saucepan with half a tea-cup of water, two tablespoonfuls honey, and two ounces of best butter. Boil for ten minutes. Then take a little out and drop it into cold water to see if it hardens. Pour out on greased enamel plates. When cold, break it and put in glass jar. It is very useful for sore throats.

For a Cold.

Put two teaspoonfuls of honey in a glass. Strain the juice of one lemon and add hot water.

A Honey Drink.

Take one ounce of root ginger and crush it. Then put it in a saucepan with one pint cold water. Boil for five minutes. Put in a jug three tablespoonfuls of honey and the juice of two lemons strained. Pour the ginger and water on to the lemons and honey. Strain when cold and put in bottle.

days when a legion of downagers guarded the gates of society?

Of course, there is still a certain amount of glamour about supposed wickedness. I know a highly respectable (though it would annoy her considerably to be called so) young woman who is extremely proud because she knows an actress whose morals are popularly considered shady. So she always carries a photograph of her friend in her hand-bag.

But there must be more to it than this. Is it an exhibition of Christian charity, a desire to avoid casting the first stone? Or is it pure laziness? "Oh, yes," we say, "I know his morals are

Fashion Notes.

WIDE BELTS & SMART SHAWLS.

Wide kid belts are appearing in a number of the novelty shops. This is the first time for years that the wide belt has been smart. It is a dangerous adornment for all but the very slim. However, this difficulty can be minimised by matching the belt to the frock. A white belt on a white, pleated frock is charming, and a scarlet belt in the same place is even more fascinating. Narrow belts of plaited leather have little pockets in which to carry a diminutive handkerchief, while other narrow belts of coloured suede have little cut-out leather flowers sewn on them, with beads forming their centres.

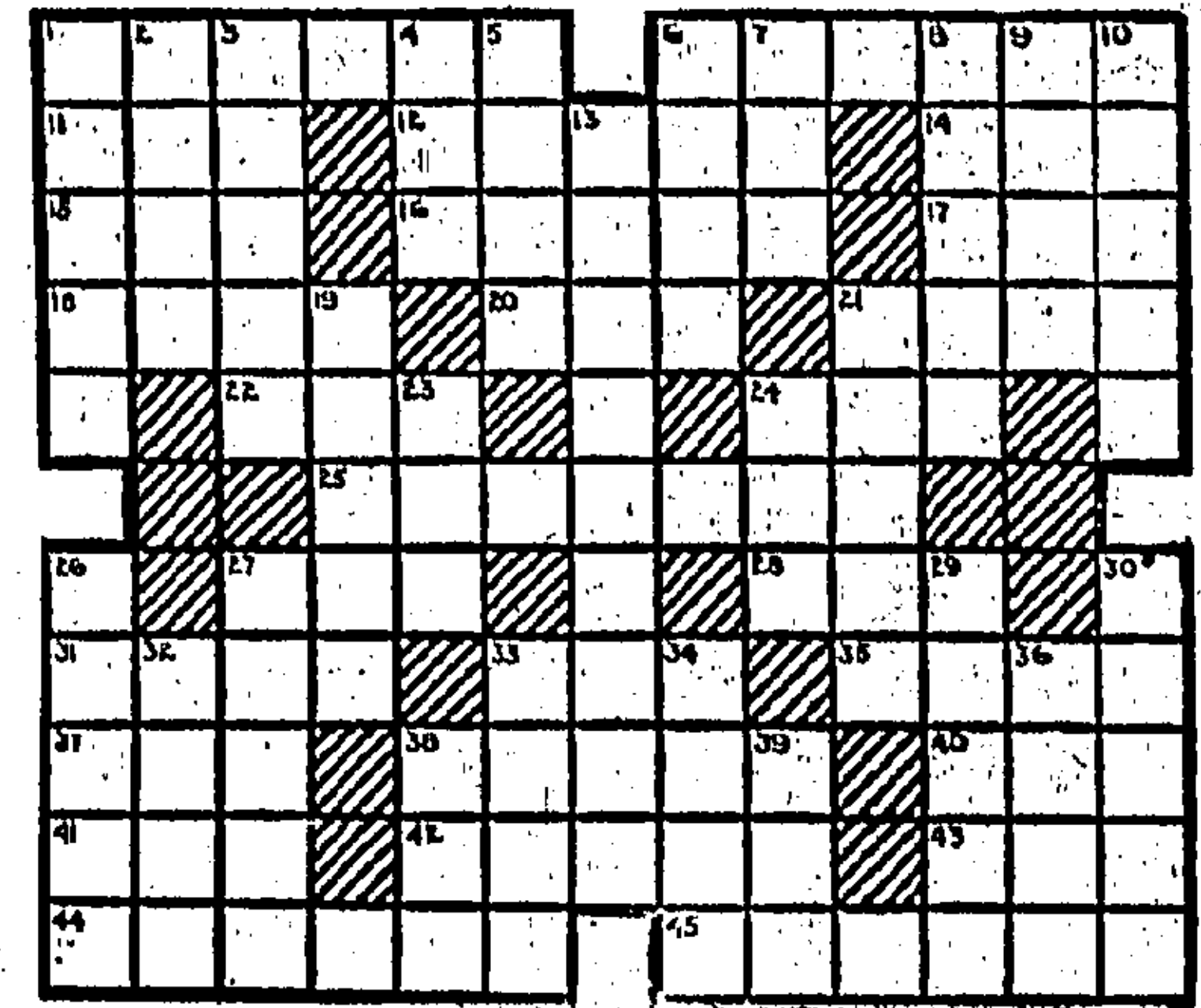
Chiffon scarves, with dark grey borders, on the long sides, are being shown with centres of bright flowers in tropical colours. When they are spread out, the flowers appear to be part of the atmosphere, for the background is of pale, cloud-like colouring, which makes these scarves adaptable for wear with almost any colour.

Since there are at present few real innovations in shawls, the advent of Petit Point embroidery in this field has attracted much attention. Heavy silk in broad strips is used with, of course, deep fringe, and there is embroidery in the four corners, and there only. Another smart-looking shawl worn draped in wrap-like fashion, is made of brocaded chiffon velvet, with a 12-inch continuous border of gold metal cloth.

appalling, but he's really a very good fellow," or "Yes, I know she's about to leave her third husband, but she does know how to make a party go."

Either society is really more merciful or society simply cannot be bothered.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal.

- 1 Jute frable used for bagging.
- 6 To generate pus.
- 11 Part of verb to be.
- 12 Portaining to the cheek.
- 14 Night preceding New Year.
- 15 Tin container.
- 16 Speedily.
- 17 Tiny green vegetable.
- 18 To what genus of shrubs and trees does the true olive belong?
- 20 Astern.
- 21 Robin.
- 22 Humour.
- 24 To rove.
- 25 Trackman.
- 27 Metal contrivance for opening locks.
- 28 Membranous bag.
- 31 Skin.
- 32 Pig pen.
- 35 Electric bulb.
- 37 Stir.
- 38 Inn.
- 40 Owing or attributable.
- 41 Unjust.
- 42 What is the name of the white poplar tree?
- 43 Measures of cloth.
- 44 Meards.
- 45 What are the soft subdued shades of colour called?

Vertical.

- 1 What English philosopher is alleged by some people to be the author of Shakespeare's dramas?
- 2 What mountain range is in the eastern part of Russia?
- 3 To renovate.

- 4 Eucharist vessel.
- 5 Dad.
- 6 An actual happening.
- 7 Before.
- 8 Moderately.
- 9 On any occasion.
- 10 Equipped.
- 13 What French marquis helped George Washington during the Revolutionary War?
- 14 Assailed.
- 21 Commonplace.
- 22 To attempt.
- 24 Aciform fuel.
- 26 Plait.
- 27 A little round hill.
- 28 Student at West Point.
- 30 To separate a word into its units.
- 32 Unoccupied.
- 33 Cries convulsively.
- 34 To utter a sharp quick cry.
- 36 Hybrid between a horse and a ass.
- 38 Grass cured for fodder.
- 39 Meadow.

Saturday's Solution.

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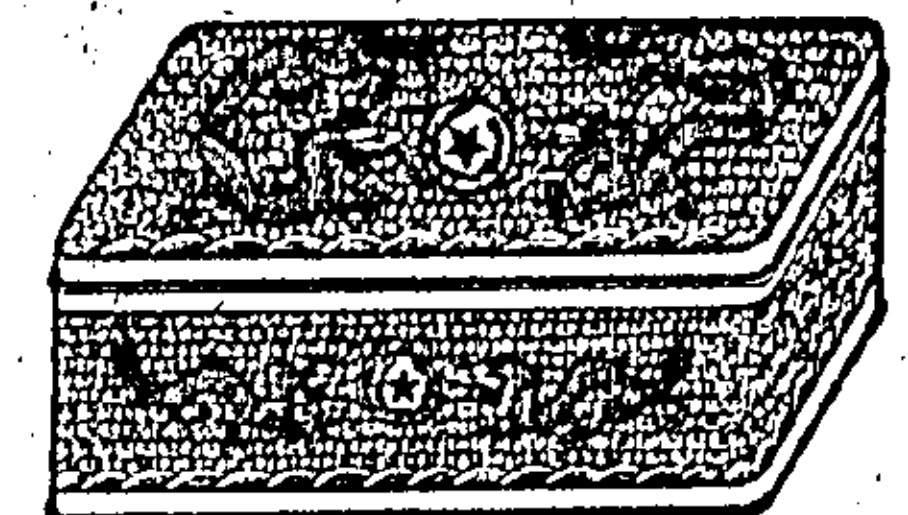
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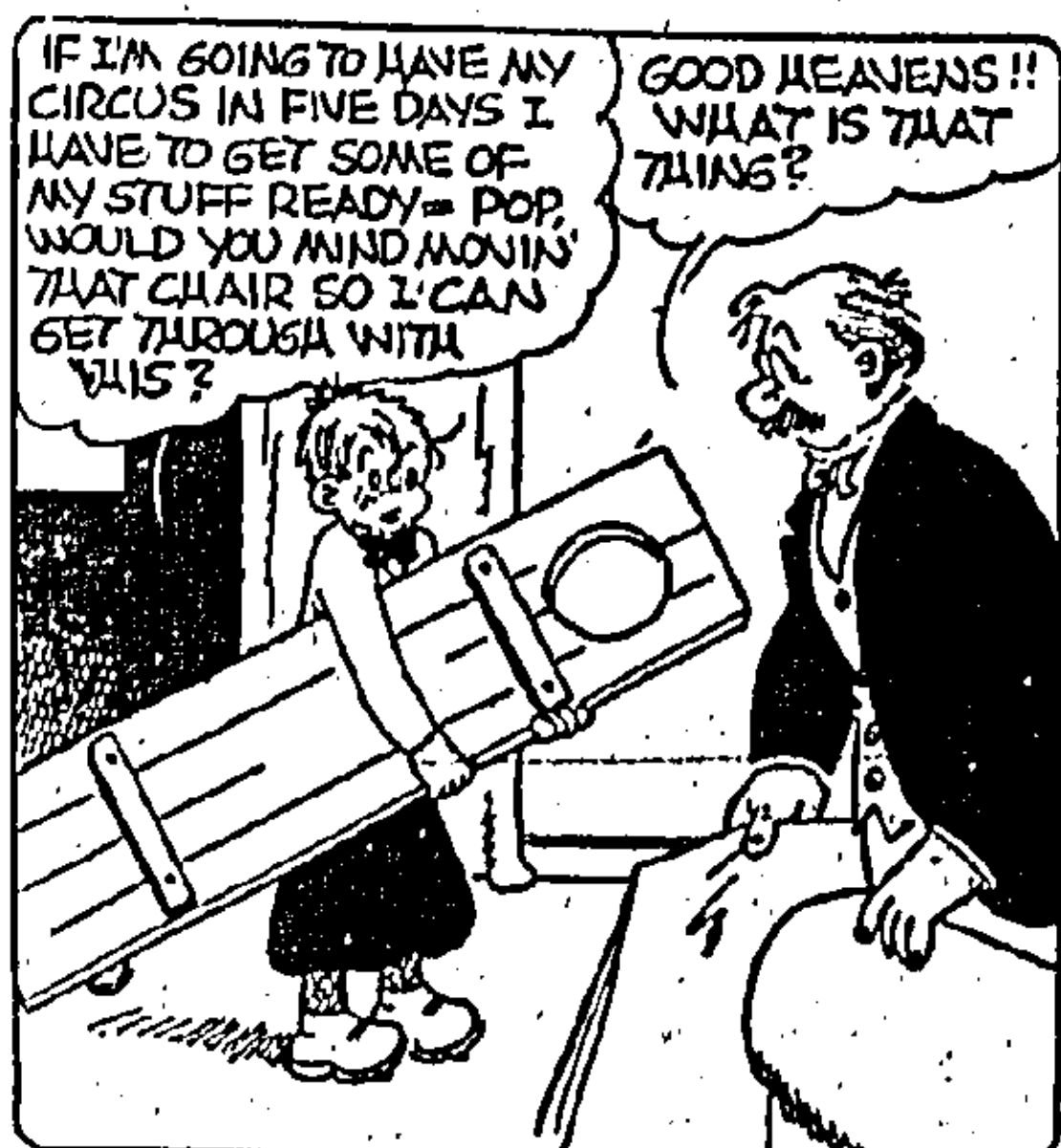


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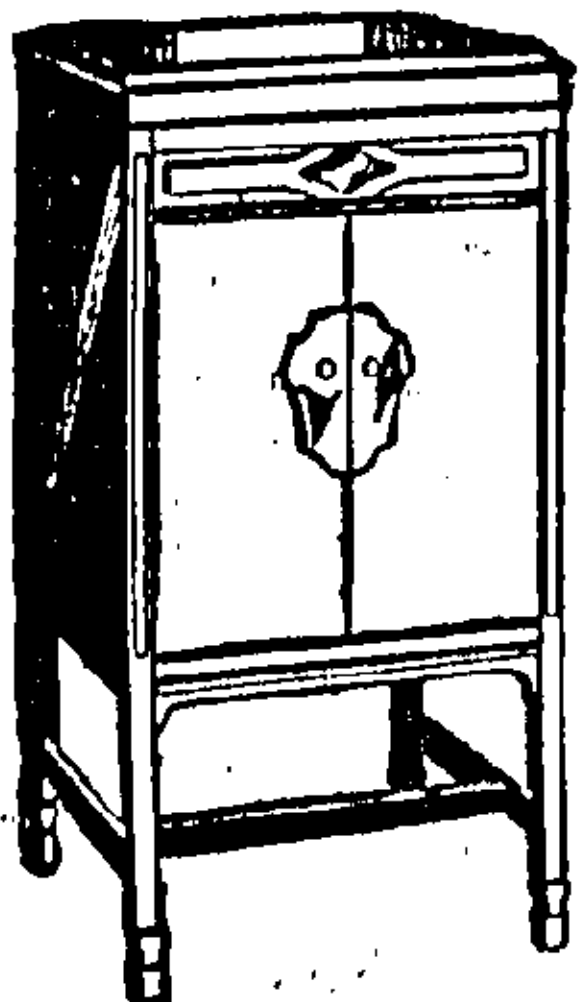
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BIRTH.

CHRISTIE.—At the Victoria Hos-
pital on February 3rd, to Mr.
and Mrs. T. L. Christie, a son.

DEATH.

CARMEN Mana Madelera dos
Remedios de Carvalho aged
59, at her residence No. 14
Orient Building, Kowloon.
Funeral will pass the monu-
ment at 5.30 p.m. to-day.
Macao and Shanghai papers
please copy.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, FEB. 4, 1929.

THE MINERS' FUND.

If there are any who think that
the need for funds to help the dis-
tressed British miners and their
families will soon pass, we can as-
sure them from a study of the
appeals being made at home that
this is not the case. It is true that
at the moment efforts are being
concentrated on an endeavour to
tide over a period of
acute difficulty involving much
anguish and anxiety, but the
crisis is of such magnitude that
even after the immediate needs
have been met, much money will
have to be disbursed. Beyond the
urgent duty of ameliorating the
conditions of the workless miners
and their families lies the more
searching and difficult problem of
an enduring settlement of their
troubles. Even if there may yet
be a revival in the coal industry,
there will still remain a large pro-
portion of men to whom it cannot
again afford regular employment,
and the fitting of these men for
work in other directions and their
absorption into industry outside
the coalfields will call for all the
money that can be spared for the
purpose.

The gift of £10,000 by the
Miners' Federation, reported on
Saturday, shows that those men
who are in regular employment are
doing their bit towards assisting
their less fortunate comrades. This
organisation is being represented
on the committees that have been
constituted for the administration
of the fund, in which connexion it
may be explained that a really ex-
cellent scheme has been evolved to
see that the very best use is made
of the money raised. There will
be advisory committees appointed
by the existing voluntary relief
agencies on the one hand and by
the Lord Mayors and Mayors on the
other. By these advisory commit-
tees a joint committee is being
formed, on which will fall the main
work of allocating the funds sub-
scribed to the various districts in

proportion to their needs. But the
distribution in detail will be left to
divisional committees in the respec-
tive areas, which in turn will be
assisted by local organisations.
The present Lord Mayor of London,
his predecessor, and his probable
successor are constituted trustees
of the fund. As one of the lead-
ing London journals remarks, the
plan seems to have the merit of
combining central control with free
local initiative in a happy manner,
ensuring that there is co-ordination
without red-tape. The first pur-
pose of the fund must, in the
Prime Minister's words, continue
to be the ensuring that the general
health of the people in the neces-
sitous areas should be maintained
during the difficult period of transi-
tion. How great the need for
that is, will have been gathered
from the appalling facts disclosed
as a result of the Prince of Wales'
recent tour.

In view of the acute distress pre-
vailing in the affected districts, it
is to be hoped that the appeals
being made to Hongkong residents
for support to the fund will meet
with a widespread response. Al-
ready, several sums have reached
us, but we hope during the present
week to be able to acknowledge
many more. It only needs a mo-
ment's reflection to establish the
fact that if all Britishers in the
Colony able to afford a small sum
sent in their donations, a really
worthy contribution would result.
By far the greater proportion of
British residents here are in a
position to assist in this noble
work of relieving the distress of
their fellow country men and
women. We again appeal to them
to contribute of their means and
charity to a very sore and pressing
need. The Home Government is
giving £ for £ in respect of the
money subscribed, so that every £5
raised in Hongkong means an addi-
tion of £1 to the fund.

Tariff Autonomy.

The enforcement of the new
tariff schedule over the week-end
was made the occasion for celebra-
tions in Shanghai and
Nanking, with a certain amount of
justification. When the history of
modern-day China comes to be
written, February 1st, 1929, will
be a date to be remembered as
marking a definite stage in the at-
tainment of Nationalist aspirations
in acquiring a new status for China
in the comity of nations. The in-
troduction of the new tariffs in-
volve tariff autonomy, and in view
of Dr. Wang's diplomatic triumph
in securing the consent of all the
Powers, their enforcement is re-
garded in Chinese circles as the
forerunner of concessions of a
like nature, and therefore, an ade-
quate reason for celebration. Ap-
prehensions have been felt in cer-
tain quarters that the new customs
rates will result in an increase in
the cost of living, but their im-
mediate effect will not be capable of
estimation for some time yet, since
importers seem to have been filling
their godowns in anticipation. In
any event, the new rates are not
sufficiently high to create alarm.
They aim chiefly at obtaining a
greater income for the purposes
of government, and there is no rea-
son to suppose that trade cannot
bear the new imposts without
serious detriment. Certain Chi-
nese manufactures are protected in
a small measure, but this principle
is economically sound, and is not
carried to extremes. With the
signs all pointing to a sustained
period of peace in the neighbouring
country, it may reasonably be ex-
pected that international trade will
gradually be restored to its former
level and that the National Govern-
ment will obtain its increased re-
venues to an extent perhaps, great-
er than anticipated. The only ob-
jection at the moment is the con-
tinued existence of *Wah* stations,
and the Government has promised
to secure their abolition as soon as
possible. We have already had an
indication of good faith in the or-
der ending the activities of the
Surtax Bureau, and we are obliged
to accept the assurance regarding
the source of financial stability,
China will probably become a hap-
pier State all-round and the fu-
ture will be watched, therefore,
with sympathetic interest.

According to a report made to
the police, seven armed men raided
a hut in So Uk village, Shamshui
at 12.20 this morning, and, after
overpowering the only occupant of
the hut, a married woman of nine-
teen, they made away with money,
clothing and jewellery to the ex-
tent of £203. Two of the men
were armed with revolvers and one
of them carried an iron bar.

DAY BY DAY.

NOTHING CAN BRING YOU PEACE
BUT THE TRIUMPH OF PRINCIPLES.—
Emerson.

The Vacuum Oil Company has
issued a most attractive Chinese
calendar.

The P. and O. s.s. Kidderpore,
from Shanghai, is due here to-mor-
row at 3 p.m.

During the week-end, 20 further
Chinese cases of small-pox were
notified. Eighteen were from Kow-
loon and the other two from
Victoria.

The ordinary yearly meeting of
shareholders of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation is
advertised to take place in the
City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday,
February 23, 1929, at noon.

There was a large gathering at
the Diocesan Boys' School,
Romonth, on Saturday night on
the occasion of a dance. A charm-
ing scheme of decoration had been
put into effect in the commodious
dancing hall. Music was supplied
by the "Semreh" Symphonic Dance
Orchestra.

Sin Mui, the mistress of a cluder
boat, and Tsol Kwong, a foki of a
cargo boat, were brought before
Commr. G. F. Hole at the Marine
Court this morning for failing to
exhibit regulation lights whilst
under way in the harbour. Both
pleaded guilty and were fined \$10
each, with the alternative of ten
days' imprisonment.

There was an attempted high-
way robbery at midday yesterday
at the junction of Queen's Road
Central and Gilman Street, two
ruffians trying to rob a Chinese
seaman from a President boat.
The intended victim, however, put
up a struggle and succeeded in
beating off the two thieves, one of
whom was seized after a chase.

The Java-China-Japan-Lijn have
issued an interesting calendar
for the Chinese New Year, on the
back of which the meaning of the
handsome picture is explained.
It is the story of Hsi Wong-ma,
a maiden angel who lives in Kwai
San, where all the mortal girls
from three worlds and ten points
gather to strive to gain im-
mortality and become her hand-
maidens. The picture is a splendid
piece of art.

Among residents leaving by the
P. and O. s.s. Mores for Home on
Saturday were Major H. B. L.
Dowbiggin and Mrs. Dowbiggin,
Dr. J. T. Smalley and Mrs. Smalley,
Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Stewart, Mr.
and Mrs. W. P. W. Turner,
Mr. L. A. M. Bolanigon, Mr. W. G.
Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. D. K.
Kharas, Mr. and Mrs. F. Meade,
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Portallion, Mr.
H. G. Russell, Mr. I. B. Trevor and
Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ellis.

Under the auspices of the
Hongkong Automobile Association,
a lecture will be given at the
Institution of Engineers and
Shipbuilders to-morrow, Tuesday,
at 5.30 p.m. by Mr. Lewis A.
Parker, M. I. Mech. L. M. I. Mar.
E., on "The Lubrication of Motor
Car Engines." Mr. Parker is
noted as an able lecturer, and his
subject should attract a large
number of local motorists. Non-
members of the Institute will be
welcome.

An interesting wedding took
place at the Peak Church on Satur-
day, when Miss K. L. Alderwick, of
Bristol, was married to Mr. R. J.
Vernall, of the P.W.D. The Dean
of St. John's Cathedral (Very Rev.
A. Swann) officiated, whilst Mr. F.
Mason was at the organ. The
bride, who arrived here from Home
by the s.s. Macedonia, was given
away by Mr. E. W. Carpenter,
whilst Mr. A. W. Hodges was the
"best man." Subsequently a re-
ception was held at the residence
of Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter, at
which the toast of the happy
couple was proposed by the Hon.
Mr. H. T. Creasy, Director of the
Public Works Department.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EWIN SEEKS A FIGHT.

[To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—I should be very grateful
if you would kindly insert the fol-
lowing letter in your well-known
and widely-circulated journal.

I think it is rather unfair of
the I.K.B.A. not fixing me up a
contest before now. I wish to
state that I am prepared to fight
any man they suggest, including
Creighton, Duncan or any other
well-known man.

I am prepared to give weight
away or otherwise. I can make
152 lbs comfortably.

My feelings in the matter are
extremely sore, so I am hoping
the I.K.B.A. will give me a con-
test here in the near future.—
Yours, etc.,

SEAMAN EWIN.
(Hongkong, Feb. 2nd, 1929.)

ANNUAL MASONIC SERVICE.

AT THE CATHEDRAL LAST
NIGHT.

The Right Rev. C. R. Duppy,
Bishop of Victoria, who is District
Grand Chaplain of the District
Grand Lodge of Hongkong and
South China, preached at the an-
nual Masonic service held at St.
John's Cathedral last evening.
Members of the Craft attended in
full regalia in considerable
numbers. The Dean of the
Cathedral (Very Rev. A. Swann)
conducted the service, whilst
others participating were the Rev.
H. V. Kopp, the Rev. Horace John-
stone, and the Rev. C. B. Shann.
The Rev. W. T. Waldegrave ar-
ranged the service.

Preaching from the text, "When
ye pray, say Father," the Bishop
said, in part:—"To be brutally
frank many people, many of you
here to-night, doubt if there is a
personal God. And yet the Arch-
bishop of York was right
when he said recently that
theology was the most popular
subject of the day. People were
at least interested in religion even
if they doubted what to believe.
They doubted whether science
leaves any place for a personal
God. They think the day for re-
ligion is over, and the work of
the Churches is done; that if you
make them comfortable, give
them leisure, good books and golf
that was enough.

"Myths may die, but faith lives
on," said the Bishop. "I believe
myself that the great day of faith
lies in front, and not behind. Re-
ligion is not merely thinking about
God—it is living a life. God does
reveal himself to the humble and
the pure.

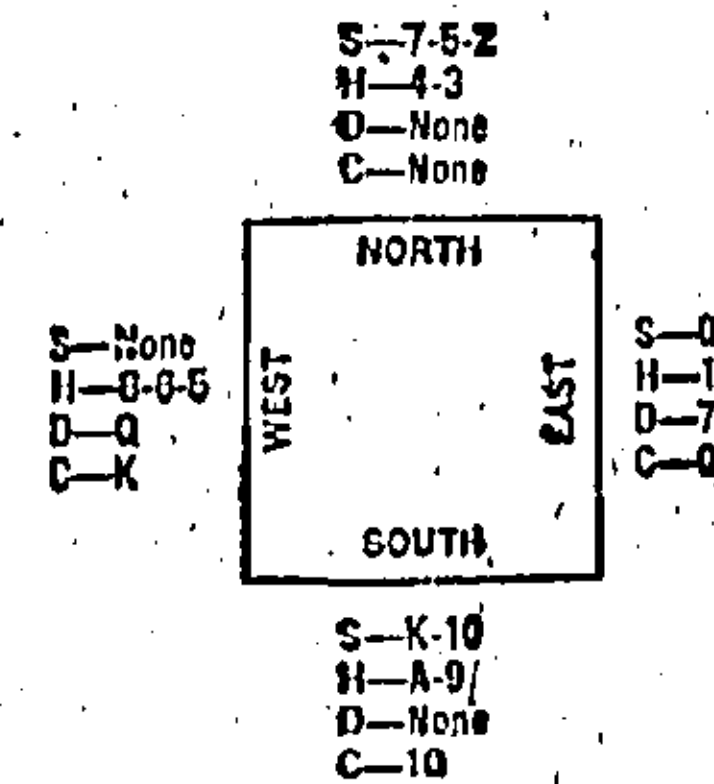
Thomas Hardy wrote, on his
fiftieth birthday, that he had been
looking all his life for God and
if he had been there he would
have found Him."

The preacher said he could
understand scientists, who handle
dead matter holding such views,
but it was harder to understand
such a belief in a father—in any
parent—who knew what human
love was. And love was the basis
of our religion. Christ's words,
of the text were so simple and yet
so profound; if you believed them,
then you could believe all He ask-
ed you to believe.

In conclusion, the Bishop made
an eloquent appeal on behalf
of the local and the London Masonic
hospitals to whom the collection
that evening was to be given.

**BRIDGE
POLICE**

BY FABYAN MATHEY.



Hearts are trumps, and South
has the lead, North and South
must win four of the five tricks.

Lay out the cards on a table, as
shown in the diagram, and study
the situation. See if you can find
a method of play that will net
North and South four of the five
tricks.

The Solution.

This hand must be cleverly
manipulated in order to take the
required number of tricks.
Fineness and careful ruffing are
both necessary.

South leads his club, and North
trumps. North next returns a
spade, the finesse is made through
East, and West trumps. West
now leads his diamond, North
trumping and South discarding
his remaining spade. North of
course must then lead a spade,
but South trumps with his nine
and takes the last trick with his
ace of trumps.

If West had led a trump to the
third trick, South's two trumps
and his high spade would have
taken the rest of the tricks. But
if a trump is returned by North
to the second trick, East and West
will easily capture two tricks. And
if the ace of trumps is opened,
with the club then led and
trumped by North, West trumps
the forced spade return. West
next leads his diamond, South
trumping, and the last trick goes to
West, leaving the puzzle unsolved.

If South wants to be exception-
ally kind, he can start off by lead-
ing both trumps, giving West the
last three tricks.

The Very Idea!

We are not surprised to learn,
on what would seem to be excellent
authority, that the young English
hostess who completed her toilet
with a becoming silken wig is not
to be allowed to set a new feminine
fashion. For one thing, says the
Daily News, women who wore wigs
would be suspected by their friends
of having no hair on their heads
worth concealing. For another, the
thing is so comfortable and so
hygienic that no really modern girl
would endure the embarrassment even
in a ballroom. And, on general
grounds it is becoming increasing-
ly difficult for the creative fashion
expert to induce women to adopt
against their will any form of dress
which is troublesome or ungainly
or which deprives them of their
sense of freedom and well-being.
Women will still submit to the rea-
sonable dictates of fashion. They
will no longer martyr themselves
for it. This is one of the minor,
but not least significant social re-
volutions of the age.

A schoolmistress was taking
down the names and ages of her
scholars at the commencement of
the term, when, coming in turn to
a little boy, she asked him, "Well,
my lad, how old are you?"
"My name ain't Lad," said he,
sharply. "It's Peter."
"Well," said the schoolmistress,
"what is the rest of your name?"
"Why, that's all the name I've
got. Just Peter; hee'dn't put dad's
name down; he's too big to go to
school."

"Well, how old are you?"
"I ain't old at all, I'm young."

"If you are up against a job that
seems impossible, kick out the 'im'
and work heartily and cheerily," is
Sir Robert Baden-Powell's advice.
Times there have been and oft
When some poor fish
At my small hopes has scoffed
And made me wish
The utterer could be slain.
But should I hear
"Impossible" again,
My course is clear.
In answer I shall smile,
And, with a stout,
Unflinching courage, I'll
Just kick "im" out!

Solicitor at Bow County Court—
Is your wife a quiet woman?
Man—Quiet! You don't know my
wife.

Man charged with drunkenness
at the Thames Court—It is 20 years
since I was here. Mr. B. Watson
(the Magistrate)—You have had a
long run. Pay 5s.

Man at Highgate—He said he
would pulverise me. Magistrate—
What do you think that means?
Man—From what I can make out
he was just about going to do me
in.

Willesden Landlady—My lodgers
annoy me by singing carols on the
top landing and waking my child-
ren. Magistrate—The law cannot
interfere. Try and bear it in the
spirit of Christmas.

Solicitor at Penge—Defendant
received a friendly visit from a
constable in plain clothes, and when
afterwards told he was a policeman
exclaimed "Oh dear, and I have told
him so much!"

Little Norman had gone to the
railway station to see his father
off. Amid the usual farewells,
kisses and waving of handker-
chiefs, the train pulled out, and the
youngster gazed after it until it
had disappeared. Presently a loco-
motive came in sight with a train
of the same length as the one that
had taken his father away, and as
it entered the station he clapped
his hands excitedly:

"Mamma! Mamma!" he shout-
ed, "here comes the train back
again! Daddy's forgotten some-
thing."

To-day's Dog Story.—A Chester
resident states that he had to put
his wire-haired terrier in charge of
a veterinary surgeon during the
Christmas holidays as the family
was away from home.

"On Saturday last," he writes,
"I was passing the establishment,
and wondered how my friend was
keeping. Imagine my surprise on
pulling up my car about a mile
further on, after several winding
turns, to find my dog jumping up
the running-board."

"I had to take him back, and it
was then discovered that he had
slipped his collar, got through an
open window, and scaled a 5ft. wall.
My car was travelling at about 20
miles an hour. How the dog suc-
ceeded in recognising my car and
afterwards in tracing me is beyond
my understanding."

A destructive fire broke out yes-
terday morning, about 6.45, at a
Chinese house, No. 5, 7th Hong
Lung, Jubilee Street. Despite the
prompt arrival of the fire brigades
and their efforts the fire practically
destroyed the second and third
floors of the house. Damage is
estimated at \$2,000, and it is said
the property was not insured. The
cause of the outbreak is believed
to have been the placing of a light-
ed candle near a wall, where paper
had been pasted, and this ac-
cidentally caught alight.

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**BAD CHARACTERS
NOW ACTIVE.****LARCENY & SNATCHING CASES
BEFORE MAGISTRATE.****TO-DAY'S SENTENCES.**

The influx of undesirable characters into the Colony towards the end of the Chinese year is being reflected in the number of larceny and snatching cases that come before the Courts.

There was a considerable list before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. The first case to come before his Worship was that of a Chinese youth who was charged with stealing five silver dollars from a money-changer's shop at 124, Queen's Road Central. A Chinese detective who saw the lad at work promptly seized him and took him back to the shop, where the detective's tale, were told to check up their silver dollars. To their surprise, they found there were actually five short. Sentence of twelve strokes was passed.

Filles in Sleeves.

An astute detective noticed something very peculiar in the gait of a Chinese in Hollywood Road. He followed him for a while and eventually observed that the man's left hand was kept rigid, thus making his general body movement unnatural. A search followed and it was found that the man had six files, each twelve inches long, concealed in his sleeve. Charged this morning with unlawful possession, the man was convicted and sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

In another case, an expert picked the pocket of an unsuspecting youth at West Point and got away with the youngster's purse, which contained only six cents. This act was observed by a detective who arrested the man and got him two months' hard labour this morning. In another case, a nice bright cooking pan figured prominently. Whether the person charged actually stole it or came by it in some other way, the police could not say. However, the defendant could give no satisfactory account of how the pan came to be in his possession, and, accordingly, a charge of unlawful possession was brought against him. Fourteen days' hard labour was imposed.

A Pick-Pocket?

In Bonham Strand East, yesterday, an undesirable character was arrested and brought to the Central Police Station. It was alleged in Court this morning that this man confined his attention to the pockets of a youth who was watching a showman. Whether he actually put his hands in the youth's pocket or not is not quite clear, and the Magistrate adjourned the hearing until to-morrow morning for further evidence to be brought on the point. The present charge against the defendant is one of loitering for the purpose of executing an unlawful purpose but it was indicated that the charge might be altered to read "attempted larceny from the person."

The last case before his Worship was one in which a Chinese was charged with snatching two pairs of bangles from the wrist of a child in Hollywood Road on Saturday. Sentence of six months' hard labour and twenty strokes was passed by his Worship on a conviction being recorded.

This man, according to the evidence, snatched the bangles from the wrist of a baby, who was being carried on the back of a little girl. The bangles were removed without the little girl knowing anything about it, and the thief would have made his escape but for the presence of a detective who caught him red-handed.

ARCTIC THRILLS.**GOOD PICTURE AT THE
QUEEN'S**

The hazards attending a voyage through the Polar regions are graphically pictured in the film "Lost in the Arctic" which is being shown for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre. The picture was taken by the Snow Brothers in the course of a scientific expedition undertaken with the ultimate object of clearing up the mystery surrounding the fate of a party of explorers who accompanied Stefansson on his Arctic voyage of 1905.

Exactly how successful the Snow Brothers were, was revealed when they reached Herald Island and viewed the bones of the lost explorers together with other objects which established the circumstances under which they met their death. The voyage of the Snow Brothers through the frozen seas of the North was indeed a chapter of thrilling incidents, including the capture of an 80-ton whale and of a Polar bear said to be the biggest that has been captured alive.

There is much that is instructive as well as entertaining in the film, and we can recommend it on this account.

**MILITARY CAMP
INCIDENT.****SEQUEL TO THEFT OF
ARMY STORES.****ASSAULT ON POLICE.**

At the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, a Chinese was charged, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, with having in his possession 17 tins of salmon, eight tins of milk, one pound of butter and a quantity of tea; and also with assaulting an Indian police sergeant and damaging his holster and a pair of trousers.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defendant and said that he had been instructed to plead guilty. He explained that the defendant was not the principal criminal in the matter. It appeared that the defendant went to the Shamshui Camp with the barrack cook and they were leaving together when approached by the Indian Sergeant. On seeing the latter, the cook vanished and had not been seen since.

Mr. d'Almada said the story told by the defendant was that the Indian struck him first and that he retaliated. He was willing, however, to pay \$25 compensation, subject to approval of his superior officers.

His Worship remarked that the sergeant could not receive compensation.

In reply to his Worship, Sub-Inspector Hoare agreed that the defendant was not the chief offender. When the defendant was seen approaching the sergeant there was another man with him.

The man, not in custody, was carrying the sack containing the articles mentioned in the first charge and when about 25 yards from the Indian he handed it over to the defendant and ran away.

His Worship said that in view of the approaching New Year and the fact that the defendant had frankly admitted the charges, he was prepared to inflict a series of fines. On the first and second charges, the defendant would be fined \$25, or one month's hard labour on each, while compensation of \$1 was to be paid to the police for the damage done.

**SQUABBLE BETWEEN
CHINESE.**

Charged with assaulting a "boy" on the President Lincoln, a Chinese was fined \$10 by Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Magistracy this morning and ordered to pay \$10 compensation.

The case was originally brought before Major C. Willson, but owing to his Worship being very heavily engaged on a number of other cases, reported elsewhere, the defendant was transferred to Mr. Wynne Jones' court.

Recounting the incidents that led up to the charge, Detective Inspector Shannon said that the case was originally reported to him as one of highway robbery, but after examining the facts he found that it was only one of common assault.

According to the complainant, while he was walking in Wing Kat Street, the defendant and another man attacked him, and while one struck him over the eye, the other tore two buttons off his coat. The men then ran away, but with the assistance of a police reservist, who happened to be nearby, the defendant was arrested.

The defendant claimed he was struck by the complainant. The complainant happened to step on his toe and words followed, as a result of which he struck complainant on the face.

"BABY MINE."**BIG COMEDY TO-MORROW
AT QUEEN'S.**

The famous comedy team of "Tookies" returns to the Queen's to-morrow in another hilarious farce based on the famous Broadway stage success, "Baby Mine." The picture portrays Karl Dane and George K. Arthur as college boys. Charlotte Greenwood, a comparative new comer to the screen, and Dane stage a number of comical love scenes. Then they all get into trouble over the stolen babies purloined to convince Dane of his fatherhood and the fun gets furious, fast and exceedingly frequent. Amusing complications and a thrill or two lead to an extremely laughable climax which solves for Dane a problem which has long puzzled his befuddled brain. The picture has an excellent cast including Louise Lorraine, and is spoken of as being quite out of the ordinary run of comedy productions. "Baby Mine" is being shown again in response to numerous requests.

**MARSHAL CHIANG &
THE CUSTOMS.****CHINA'S ECONOMIC BONDAGE
TO BE BROKEN.****COMPLETE CONTROL?**

Nanking, Feb. 2. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the President of the National Government, took advantage of the celebrations yesterday on the enforcement of the new tariff schedule, to address a large gathering on foreign relations.

Marshal Chiang said that within one year China will be in a position to regain full control of the Customs service, and said that the National Government was to be congratulated on their courage and persistence in overcoming the difficulties attaching to the negotiations with the Powers.

He urged the Chinese people to strive for the success of the Chinese demand for control of the Customs at the end of the year, remarking that unless the country gave its whole-hearted support to the present regime, much of the value of their present efforts would be lost.

Marshal Chiang concluded by stating that the complete control of the Maritime Customs would finally break the economic bond which has harnessed China for many years. If their efforts proved successful, China could look forward to an era of peace and prosperity.

POLICE WEDDING.**MR. R. R. McEWEEN MARRIED
THIS MORNING.**

An interesting wedding took place at the Union Church this morning, when Miss Mary McIntosh (youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McIntosh, 103, Strathmartin Road, Dundee) was married to Mr. Ronald R. McEween (eldest son of the late Mr. R. G. McEween, and of Mrs. McEween, of 109 Strathmartin Road, Dundee). The bride arrived in the Colony by the s.s. Macedonia, whilst the bridegroom is a popular member of the Hongkong Police Force. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. F. C. Young.

The bride, who was given away by Mr. James Reid (cousin of the bridegroom), wore a dress of pale blue georgette, with hat of pale blue and silver, and carried a bouquet of white roses. She had as her bridesmaids the Misses Hilda Reid and Peggy Dick, who wore dresses of white crepe de chine trimmed with posies of forget-me-nots, with silver leaves and roses round their heads. Each carried a basket of white roses tied with pale blue ribbon.

Mrs. J. Dick (cousin of the bridegroom) was the Matron of Honour, and she was attired in a dress of beige crepe de chine. Mr. Britten was the "best man." After the ceremony, a reception was held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant, and later the couple left for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

Peiping, Feb. 2. The central Kuomintang has cabled to Peiping, ordering the Peiping vernacular papers to take no holidays for China New Year as the National Government is striving to popularise the Gregorian calendar.—*Reuter.*



"Well, as soon as this darn fool fad for autos lets up business will return to normal."

**ABSURD TAXATION
IN HANKOW.****MERCHANTS IN SEETHING
REVOLT.****TAX ON FIRM'S CAPITAL**

Hankow, Jan. 24. The Chinese papers to-day publish the full details of the latest and maddest scheme for taxing the merchants and shopkeepers of the Wuhan cities. They make no comment on the proposals and do not refer in any way to the seething discontent of all the Chinese traders, thus showing how effectively the press is muzzled. For it is no secret that an indignation meeting was held yesterday and that merchants are on the point of suspending business till some of the forty or more different odd taxes are removed and the new scheme is abandoned.

Omnivorous Demands.

Here are some of the items from the notice issued to-day. All shops conducting a retail business are to pay a monthly tax of 5 per mille on their capital, 5 per mille on the rental value of the property they occupy and a poll tax of 30 cents for each employee. Banks, Exchange shops, Insurance Companies and Manufacturers are to pay 1.5 per mille on their capital, 7 per mille on the rental value and a poll tax of 50 cents. Godowns and forwarding agencies are to pay 5 per mille on their capital and a poll tax of 50 cents. Printers and photographers are to pay 5 per cent. on their capital, 5 per cent. on the rental value and a poll tax of 30 cents. Tea-houses are to pay from 20 to 30 cents per table. Rice and oil shops are to pay 2 per mille of their takings and a poll tax of 40 cents. Offices are to pay 5 per mille of their capital, 5 per cent. of their rental and 30 cents per employee. If any trades or businesses have not been mentioned the rates of the business is discovered.

Inspectors' Autocratic Powers.

These new taxes are to be paid without fail on the fifth of each month for the preceding month, and the inspectors of the tax-office may enter the premises at any time to inspect the business and check the books and the vouchers. No business may be closed down while any money is owing to the tax office, nor can a removal be made or a sale of a business effected without the consent of the tax-office. There is a list of the penalties to be imposed on those who make false returns and another for the agents of the tax-office for receiving bribes.

The traders point out that the whole scheme opens the door to persecution, to espionage on their affairs and to bribery. They declare that in addition to all taxes that are already being levied, they are constantly paying out money for poor relief and patriotic movements such as the Anti-Japanese Boycott.

There is talk that the soldiers will create trouble unless the merchants find a large sum during the next few days. Matters must come to a crisis and though no worse time of the year could be chosen for closing down business, the merchants incline to do so. It is to be hoped that officialdom will realize that this time it has gone further than it can do successfully.

**THE RUSSIANS IN
SHANGHAI.****FORMERLY TROOPS OF
NORTHERN TUCHUNS.****POLICE PAY A TRIBUTE**

Shanghai, Jan. 30. Last week a Russian committed a very daring daylight theft from a foreign jewellery shop in Nanjing Road and, when taken to Court, he pleaded that he did it in order to draw attention to the sorry conditions of the thousands of Russian refugees in Shanghai. The Bench did not believe that part of the story, so he must suffer the penalty for his crime. Other people, however, do seem to think there was something in it, and have referred to other similar though not such sensational cases. Also, they claim that, since the disbanding of the Chihli-Shantung White Russian units, several thousand more Russians in desperate plight have been added to the already large number here.

An Excellent Record.

Inquiries do not substantiate the latter view. It is not possible to state exactly how many Russians there are in Shanghai, estimates ranging all the way up to 12,000. There are five or six thousand settled in the French Concession, and there are unnumbered hundreds living miserably in Chinese territory. The Shanghai Municipal Police pay these poor people a high compliment, declaring that, not only are the Shanghai Russians not of a markedly criminal nature, but the average of crime amongst them is far less than might be expected in such a number, particularly with people in their condition. The actions of the few committing the more serious crimes stamp them as hardened law-breakers, and there is even a decidedly professional touch about those who beg in the streets, who in the main are believed to be either beggars by choice, or else confirmed work-shops.

None of those most likely to know confirm the suggestion that crime and begging by Russians are on the increase, nor that there has been any notable influx of destitute Russians of late. The immigration is very difficult to check, because there is a constant movement of groups by sea and land and it is impossible to keep tally of all.

How They Have Made Good.

Russians themselves are the strongest in condemnation of such protests as that mentioned in the beginning of this article. They fully appreciate that they have no claim on Shanghai more than on any other place. It happened to be about the nearest place of hope to be conveniently reached from their last refuge in their own country, so they came here. Fortune has favoured comparatively few. The S. M. Police have absorbed a large number who happened to be fitted for the work. Others have become police auxiliary watchmen, and still more are earning their keep and many laurels in that attractive and highly useful body, the Russian Company of the S. V. C. Several hundred more have secured permanent employment in various Municipal departments.

The Race Club compound will give evidence during any training or exercise occasion that numbers have secured work which is the greatest pleasure, and the points in their care are their best testimonial. In the French Concession there is a compact colony of Russians settled in whole blocks of shops and boarding houses, apparently making at least a living. Too many of the rest, it is feared, have but a sorry time and it would not be surprising if they descended to crime and beggary, but it must be repeated that the evidence is to the contrary.

What to suggest is difficult. If distress amongst Russians here is no worse than it has been, at any rate it is very great. There are a number of excellent societies doing sterling work in relief, vigorously assisted by people of British, American and other nationalities, and the community in general has responded generously to all calls for aid. It seems only possible to ask that all continue to help as much as possible.

LONDON WIRELESS.**SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO
RE-BROADCAST.**

Washington, Feb. 2. An attempt to re-broadcast a London wireless programme throughout the United States has been fairly successful. Further attempts are expected in New York.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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BOTH HELD.****KOWLOON AND CLUB
IN HAPPY MOOD.****FEW SURPRISES IN WEEK-
END SOCCER.****NAVY'S FINE VICTORY.**

[By "Wanderer."]

The steady advance of the Navy's first eleven, the outstanding feature of recent league football, was demonstrated in full measure when they defeated the Borderers by three goals to one, an advantage that might have been easily increased with luck. On present showing the Navy must have the best side in the Senior Division.

Two upsets were provided by the Civilian clubs, Kowloon forcing a draw with South China, while the Club shared two goals with Athletic. The full results are appended:—

Senior Division.		
Royal Navy	3	K.O.S.B. 1
Chinese Ath.	1	H.K.C.C. 0
South China	0	Kowloon 0
Recreio	2	Queen's 5
Small Units	0	Police 1
Junior Division.		
K.O.S.B.	5	Small Units 2
Queen's R.	4	S. China "A" 0
Chinese Ath.	3	S. China "B" 1
R.A. Res.	1	Navy Res. 2
St. Joseph's	3	R.A.F. 1

NAVY A GREAT SIDE.**K.O.S.B. Goalkeeper The Star
Of The Side.**

The fact that the K.O.S.B. goal had five marvellous escapes when the Navy were playing with only ten men, one shot hitting the post with McDougall, a brilliant keeper on his form on Saturday, beaten completely, indicates how completely they were mastered in this game on the Chatham Road ground. The venue has one merit. One can overlook the pitch in such a way as to pick out the finer points in a way not possible from a grandstand, and there was clever football in full measure from both sides to retain interest throughout.

How well the Navy played can best be expressed by stating that the K.O.S.B. were on their best behaviour. The defence was sound, though occasionally Reeves and Martin left a dangerous gap between them, while the two wings were great in approach work. Their efforts expended themselves when scoring opportunities came their way, and the reason is largely to be found in the Borderers' choice of a centre-forward. Everest is a magnificent half-back, but in the forward line is like a fish out of water. He could not hold the line together, and when he got the ball, McGregor and Baker, the Navy backs, dispossessed him with the greatest of ease. Incidentally, Gear is not an adequate substitute at right-half.

The Navy left wing was always the principal source of danger, and this probably accounts for the fact that the injury to Van Tromp did not affect the Navy as much as it would have done many teams.

The Navy indulged in the long pass to the wing men, varied by a push through the middle, and with the attack showing great speed, the K.O.S.B. half-backs had a gruelling time. Evans and Jones were constantly in the limelight, creating splendid openings by judicious passes, while Kernick and Peacock adopted unorthodox tactics that had the Borderers' defence at sea time and again.

For some time, the Borderers promised by hard work to hold their own, but the Navy half-backs, foiled their best efforts and by nice constructive play kept the Borderers on tenterhooks. McDougall played a brilliant game in goal, saving shot after shot by remarkable anticipation.

He was beaten by Firth fifteen minutes after the start, but the Borderers equalised with a snap goal from Alexander before the interval. The Navy were strongly aggressive after the interval when Van Tromp returned to the field without proving of much service, and Peacock scored twice in good style.

The teams were exceedingly well matched, and in artistry the Borderers were often the superior. The real difference seemed to be in speed. The Navy were much faster on the ball, and they wasted no time in making use of

it once they had gained possession.

SOUTH CHINA HELD.**Kowloon Fall Away After Strong
First Half.**

Kowloon opened against South China in most promising fashion, and forcing the pace in the first half, were rather unfortunate to find themselves goalless at the interval. The second half was a different story, South China dominating the game but failing to score. Kowloon's second half deficiency was partly due to the defensive activities of McKelvie and Bliss, the inside forwards, coupled later with injuries to both Miles and Clemo, the extreme wingers.

At the same time, it was something of a novelty to see the South China sharpshooters, moving down the field in bright style, but failing to apply the finishing touch. Their efforts to obtain the one goal precious in its importance to their position at the head of the table never relaxed.

Yet they failed, and the explanation is to be found in the almost inspired defence of Kowloon. Angus has never given a finer display of goalkeeping. He dealt with every conceivable shot sent in by South China in a manner both disconcerting and discouraging to the opposition. In front of him Pile, Hedley, and McKelvie, more than the others, entered into his spirit, and played magnificently. Pile again gave a brilliant display, and his covering of Robson, who was erratic and misdirected frequently, was splendid.

South China kept on pegging away, bombarding the Kowloon goal in the second half, but time came with Kowloon worthy of their draw, if South China were rather unlucky to meet their defenders in such a determined mood.

A feature of the first half was the clever combination of McKelvie and Miles on the left wing. They led Leung Wing-lak and Li Tin-sang a merry dance, proving a constant threat to the South China goal. The right wing was also working hard though not with the same smoothness. Miles, Spary and Clemo all tested Paul Ka-ping with hot shots, while the goalkeeper did well to turn away a drive by McKelvie.

South China's attacks also developed chiefly from the left wing, and Lau Mau was their outstanding forward. He was desperately unlucky not to score on one of the three occasions that he drove powerfully at goal within the space of three minutes.

It was a gruelling game for the Kowloon defence, and they emerged with much credit.

THE CLUB ALSO DRAW.**Chinese Athletic off Song.**

The Club surprised their supporters by forcing a draw with the Athletic, who played much below their normal form. It was evident from the start that a close game would result, the Athletic forwards failing to settle down, and proving comparatively easy victims to the Club halves, who played a masterly defensive game.

Had they fed their forwards with the same degree of excellence, two points might have fallen to the Club, but the forwards had to forage a good deal for themselves.

The Athletic had to fight extremely hard, however, for their point. Wallington scored a nice goal midway through the opening half, and the Chinese equaliser, through Wong Pak-chong came as the result of hesitation on the part of a defender.

There were times when the Athletic provided football of an exhilarating order, but they faded away just when hard work seemed certain to result in a goal. The Club defence was in a great mood, Holt and Bishop playing splendidly behind a strong line of half-backs. Alexander was the best forward, but the excellence of the defence eclipsed the attack.

Suen Kam-shun and Chan Kwong-ni, the Interport left wing, did not have a particularly good day, though they constituted the most dangerous wing. Wing Shui-wa and Lam Yuk-ying were hard workers in defence, but Lai Yut-tat and Wong Sui-wood did not impress unduly when under pressure.

RECREIO BADLY BEATEN.**Weakened Team outplayed.**

Lacking the services of Xavier, Gosano, Ward and Brown, it was small wonder that the Club de Recreio went down heavily to the Queen's Regiment. The reserves worked hard, but the side was not working harmoniously, and they were rather lucky to get two goals. After scoring three, the Queen's made the mistake of slackening off, and the Recreio came with a burst to score twice. The Queen's

CANTON BOWLS.**RESULT OF JANUARY
HANDICAP.**

Mr. S. Lillierap, with a handicap of 160, won the January Individual Bowling Handicap in the Canton Club. With an average gross score of 911, he was well in advance of all other entries. The runner-up was Captain G. A. Clements (125) 872.

Other competitors were:—
Messrs. W. F. Arndt (250) 852.9;
A. T. Lay (Scratch) 851.63; M. A. Annett (100) 844.57; D. Jenkins (150) 844.2; G. Woudenberg (175) 842.8; A. J. Evans (75) 832.86; G. Duchateau (175) 832.14; V. E. C. Ferrier (150) 832; D. Latimes (200) 825.4; H. Laffond (75) 822.5; L. A. Jeeves (175) 811.33; M. Gavin (175) 802.5; S. O. Lewis (100) 800.66; J. Baud (75) 785; C. H. Rolfe (75) 736.6; G. M. D. Wolf (125) 730; R. D. Wolcott (175) 699.5.—Our Own Correspondent.

LOCAL RUGBY.**UNITED SERVICES BEAT
THE CLUB.**

Much interest was centred in the final Interport Rugby trial match on Saturday, when the Club met a United Services team. There was a grim struggle, from which the Services emerged winners by 11 points to 8, mainly as a result of better team work.

The scoring was opened by Surg.-Lieut. Bingham, who got through with a try which was converted, after which Scott registered two unconverted tries, to which the services replied with another, scored by Lieut. Rickman.

The teams were level with eight points each at the interval, and just before the end the Services again scored and thus won a keenly-fought match.

were forced to extend themselves once again and two further goals came their way.

Hibbert led the Queen's line in good style, scoring three goals personally, in addition to distributing the ball with marked accuracy.

The Queen's can have had few easier matches. They commanded the game, and though scoring five times did not make full use of chances. When a team finds the game going easily in their favour, there is always the temptation to over-elaborate the attack, and this was the fault to be found. Their insidemen, too, crowded the centre, shortening the passes and therefore making them easier to intercept.

For this reason, the Recreio defence looked better than it probably would have been in other circumstances, though one must accord them credit for a game struggle against odds.

The Recreio forward line, weak as it was, at least realised the need for making tracks for goal, and the Queen's goalkeeper had many anxious moments apart from the efforts that proved successful.

Silva-Netto, the Remedioses, and Rocha were outstanding for the Recreio, while the Queen's were well served throughout the eleven.

POLICE JUST WIN.**Small Units Struggle
Gallantly.**

The Small Units are in a hopeless position at the foot of the table, but they are still fighting gallantly, and they held the Police throughout the first half, conceding only one goal, an excellent shot from the foot of McCrainsy, in the second. The Police deserved their success even if the margin was not a very convincing one. Small Units started well, but they were not well served forward, and the Police took up the attack with energy, Dodshon and Smith having plenty to do to prevent McGowan being overwhelmed with shots.

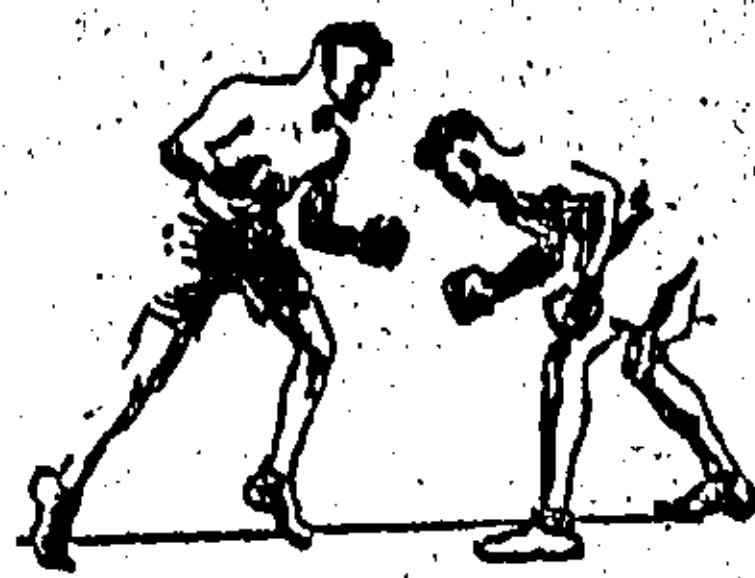
McGregory and Oyam made up the better Police wing, but the moving of Fraser from centre to inside-right did not improve the effectiveness of the line, and many of the best efforts of the left wing came to naught in this way.

Both sets of half-backs were good, but in defence the Police held the advantage. Clarke, Wynne and Muir allowing little scope to the opposition.

The Small Units had several opportunities in the first half, but they showed little aptitude for snapping up such chances, and usually they were gone before they were hardly aware of them. The Small Units had rather a bad time of it in the second half, but were saved from a heavier defeat by some good goalkeeping, ably backed up by Dodshon.

WITH THE JUNIORS.

There were no surprises in the Junior Division of the League. The Queen's, Navy, Chinese Athletic and K.O.S.B. were all on the winning side, and the headship of the table thus shows no change. The victory of St. Joseph's over the R.A.F. moved them up the table, but was to be expected.

**BOXING**

(Hongkong Boxing Association)

**EXCEPTIONAL
PROGRAMME****LIGHTWEIGHT
CHAMPIONSHIP****SATURDAY****9th FEB.**

(9.15 p.m.)

CITY HALL**INTERPORT RUGBY.****SHANGHAI COMMENT ON
ITS TEAM.**

The composition of the side to represent Shanghai at Hongkong has resolved itself more into a question of who can make the trip, and is not so much a matter of selecting the best, says the N. C. Daily News. In spite of this a very strong side will be available.

Outside the scrum it will be generally conceded that the combination is perhaps the best that could have been chosen, with the exception possibly of the omission of Hayley, who has been showing excellent form lately. He is, however, not available, and one cannot but imagine that his thrust and weight would have been a valuable asset to what is undoubtedly a light collection of halves and three-quarters. It is very gratifying that Neil and Newcomb will be playing in the positions they have regularly occupied throughout the season, and no finer pair of halves could be found in Shanghai to-day.

First class Centre.
In Hubbard Shanghai has a first class centre, which is all that need be said about him, but Richard has not always inspired full confidence in the other centre position. The writer thinks Richard is essentially a wing, but he has so much good football in him, and has such a long experience of these interport games, that he may well prove an ideal partner for Hubbard. Brown has made such rapid strides at the game that great things will be expected of him, and if his inside centre will see to it that openings are made for him, Brown will do the rest. He must not be obsessed with the inside pass, but hard and determined running will probably prove more successful. McGill complements the three-quarters and, like Hubbard, is a first class player. Dunkley will take the full back position, and will inspire the fullest confidence there. A fast dry ground will be of the greatest use to these players, as weight is lacking for a sticky ground. One cannot but recall the effect this shortage of weight had in the interport game played last year in Shanghai.

The Pack.
In the opinion of most the pack that will travel will not be quite Shanghai's best, but it will be a rattling good one all the same. There hasn't been a finer forward than Murray in Shanghai for a number of years, and with Stewart, Kane, Dewar and Silby, forms a quartette of weight that will take some moving. If Watson is taken, and Pawley and MacIntyre complete the eight, one cannot imagine Hongkong getting any push out of the Shanghai scrum. They are all hard scrummagers, both in the loose as well as in the tight, and it will be interesting to see how this solid pack progresses in the unavoidable absence of a recognized winger such as Landale or Watkinson.

One thing seems certain, if Shanghai are to win, and that is that the forwards must promote and retain a definite superiority over the Hongkong pack, especially if the ground is on the heavy side.

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LOCAL CRICKET.

CHAMPIONS DEFEATED BY THE H.K.C.C.

Last year's champions suffered their second defeat of this season, going under to the Hongkong Cricket Club on the latter's ground. This victory gives the Hongkong C.C. a very comfortable position at the head of the table. They are two points ahead of their nearest rivals with a game in hand. In the only other first division match played on Saturday, the Royal Navy beat the Royal Artillery.

DIVISION I.

University Well Baten on Club Ground.

On the Hongkong C.C. ground, the home team met and defeated the University by six wickets. The Varsity batted first and after losing six wickets for 58 runs went on to make 130, thanks to a useful contribution of 30 from C. W. Lam. D.K. Samy, going in last, did well to obtain 21 runs without being beaten. The Club obtained the necessary runs for the loss of four wickets, a good partnership, being witnessed between Owen Hughes (61 not out) and Quirk (19 not out).

Royal Navy v R.A. Fine batting by L. Singleton and L. Sillitoe at King's Park enabled the Royal Navy to declare at 109 for eight wickets in their match against the Royal Artillery. The Military side were dismissed for 131, the Navy thus winning by 38 runs. Colonel Christian, who was hurt during the match, was unable to bat for the R.A.

DIVISION II.

Hongkong C.C. Easily Defeat the Police.

The Hongkong C.C., visiting Happy Valley, declared at 141 for the loss of seven wickets against the Police. The Police could do nothing with the bowling of Vallack, who took eight wickets for 31 runs.

University v R.E.

Playing at home, the Hongkong University went down badly to the Royal Engineers and Signals, losing by seven wickets. The home team, batting first, were all dismissed for 40 runs, M. B. Osman being the only player to reach double figures.

The Engineers passed this score for the loss of three wickets and went on to complete their innings, obtaining 144.

The match was a personal triumph for Lt. Col. Wyatt, who was top scorer with 47 runs and took nine wickets for fifteen runs.

K. C. C. v Electric R. C. On the Kowloon C.C. ground, the home team drew with the Hongkong Electric R. C.

The Electric batted first and thanks to a fine stand by their opening pair, Gungahm (86) and Murdoch (94 not out) were able to declare at 197 runs for five wickets.

Going in first for K. C. C. Lee and Raven made 165 runs before being separated.

Recreo v R. A. S. C. The Club de Recreo, playing the R.A.S.C. on their own ground, lost by three wickets.

The home team compiled 106, of which H. M. Xavier was responsible for 41, and L. J. Gutierrez 20. Pie Wingfield took six wickets for 39 runs.

The Service team, thanks to Major Langman and Pte. Wingfield, (128 and 25 respectively) replied with 112 for seven wickets.

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

Indian R.C. Lose to the R.A.O.C.

In a low scoring match at Soekun-poo, the Indian R.C. second team lost to the R.A.O.C. The home team took first knock and compiled 54 runs, to which the R.A.O.C. replied with 67 for nine wickets.

Pte. Brooks took five of the Indian wickets for fifteen runs, for the Indians A.H. Sufian secured four wickets for sixteen runs.

C. S. C. C. v C. C. C. The second string of these two teams met in a friendly match on the C.C. ground, resulting in a draw. Craigiepower obtained 103 for nine wickets, E. Zimmerman contributing 86, against a total of 190 set by the Civil Service, of which H. Westlake was responsible for 91.

H.K.V.D.C. v Craigiepower. The second eleven of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps defeated the Craigiepower second eleven by a margin of 54 runs on the latter's ground yesterday afternoon, in a friendly match.

YACHTING.

TWO BOATS FAIL TO FINISH.

Of the twelve yachts which took part in Saturday's race, two failed to finish. Bodrum was the first boat back, followed by Diana and Le Linda but they failed to finish their time.

The course was from the Club to Channel Rock (port), Kowloon Rock (p), mark on line (p), Channel Rocks (starboard), Quat Rock buoy (s), finish at the Club, a distance of 8.3 miles.

Finishing Corrected Time. Diana (6th) 4.39.48 4.38.03 Le Linda (7th) 4.41.46 4.38.36 Bodrum (1st) 4.40.17 4.29.30 Daphn (2nd) 4.50.44 4.38.17 Bluecross (4th) 4.53.14 4.38.62 Joan (8th) 4.55.18 4.38.24 Allas (8th) 4.55.20 4.39.03 Why Wonder (5th) 4.53.16 4.37.80 Pierrotte (10th) 5.03.25 4.41.17 Zephyr (10th) 5.10.41 4.57.10 Gael (11th) did not finish. Adamas (12th) did not finish.

Fourth Championship Event for Cruisers.

The R.H.K.Y.C. fourth Championship race for cruisers was sailed yesterday.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The results of Saturday's Home Football as cabled by Reuter, were:

First Division.

Arsenal	0	Manchester C.	0
Aston Villa	4	Burnley	1
Blackburn	4	Birmingham	1
Bury	4	Cardiff	1
Derby C.	2	Bolton	1
Everton	0	Huddersfield	3
Leeds	2	Liverpool	2
Leicester	1	Newcastle	2
Manchester U.	2	West Ham	1
Sheffield U.	1	Wednesday	1
Sunderland	5	Portsmouth	0

Second Division.

Blackpool	2	Notts Forest	2
Bradford	2	Clapton O.	1
Chelsea	3	Bristol C.	0
Grimshy	2	Stoke	0
Millwall	5	Tottenham	1
Notts County	1	Reading	1
Oldham	1	Barnsley	0
Port Vale	4	Hull	1
Southampton	1	Middlesbrough	1
Swansea	6	West Brom	1
Wolves	1	Preston N.E.	2

Division III (South).

Bournemouth	3	Luton	3
Brighton	3	Norwich	3
Bristol R.	3	Fulham	3
Crystal Pal.	6	Swindon	1
Exeter	2	Charlton	1
Merthyr	2	Coventry	1
Newport	4	Torquay	1
Queen's P.R.	2	Brentford	2
Southend	2	Northampton	1
Walsall	4	Gillingham	1
Watford	6	Plymouth	3

Division III (North).

Ashington	0	Chesterfield	2
Crewe	4	Hartlepool	3
Darlington	5	Rochdale	0
Doncaster	1	Barrow	0
Nelson	3	New Brighton	0
Halifax	4	Lincoln	0
Rotherham	6	Southport	2
Sth. Shields	3	Wrexham	2
Stockport	2	Bradford C.	1
Tranmere	1	Accrington	1
Wigan	2	Carlisle	2

The Scottish Cup.

Third Lanark	0	St. Mirren	1
Rangers	5	Partick T.	1
Murrayfield	1	Arbroath	0
Aberdeen	4	Queen's Park	0
Clyde	1	Hamilton	1
Pathgate	1	Raith	1
Albion R.	8	Clackmannan	1
Kilmarnock	3	Bo'ness	2
Dundee	6	Brechin	1
Celtic	3	East Stirling	0
Cowdenbeath	0	Airdrie	0
Frasburgh	0	Dumfries	2
Queen of South	1	Parkhead	2
Stenhousemuir	1	Dundee U.	1
Ayr U.	5	Armadale	1
St. Johnstone	2	Motherwell	3

RUGGER VICTORY.

WALES BEAT SCOTLAND AT SWANSEA.

London, Feb. 2.

There were 35,000 people present at the rugby match played at Swansea today between Wales and Scotland, the weather being very foggy. The turf was soft, consequent upon rain on the previous night, and a slight drizzle during the morning.

The Welshmen pressed from the outset, but they found that the slippery ball was difficult to handle. Both sides showed good strategy and the scoring opened after fifteen minutes when Morgan passed to Ivor Jones, who sent Roberts over for a try, Ivor Jones took the kick at goal but failed to convert.

Just before the interval, Brown equalised with a penalty, the score at half time being three points each.

Upon the restart Scotland immediately forced the play, to the Welsh line, where Brown secured possession and dropped a goal. The Welsh forwards then gave a splendid display of dribbling and the movement culminated in Peacock scoring a try which Ivor Jones converted.

The Welsh pack continued to press and Roberts scored another try which Ivor Jones failed to convert. Scotland was now strictly on the defensive but could not keep out their opponents and Wales increased their lead through a try by Powell, his kick at goal proving unproductive.

After being penned in their own territory for twenty minutes, Scotland launched a series of desperate attacks but they met with a sound defence and Wales ran out the winners by 14 points to 7.

This is Wales' first victory on their own soil against Scotland since before the war.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF.

THE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

The second round of the R.H.K.C. Junior Championship, played at Fanling yesterday, resulted as follows:

D. J. Gilmore	beat	N. K. Littlejohn	3 and 2.
T. L. Christie	beat	R. A. Campbell	on the 19th.
A. Leach	beat	Major Beamish	2 up.
T. Ramsay	beat	N. Croucher	3 and 2.

Today, course Cleung Chun (S), a distance of 25 miles, and resulted as follows:

Yacht.	Time.	Corrected Time.
La Cigale (S)	3.42.10	3.42.10
U and I (S)	4.09.48	3.47.55
Feathers (S)	6.08.07	5.15.19
Norseman (S)	4.25.45	3.41.20
Typhoon (S)	6.04.51	5.09.35
Queen Bee (S)	4.11.47	3.47.24
Curlew (S)	4.41.50	3.47.24
Coquette (S)	4.19.50	3.40.06

K.O.S.B. REGIMENTAL GYMKHANA.

EXCELLENT RACING AT KWANTAI.

A gymkhana meeting of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was held at the Kwanti racetrack yesterday, and a thoroughly good afternoon's sport was enjoyed by the regiment and their friends.

The programme included mule races, events for ladies, and races over the sticks for members of the K.O.S.B. as well as for the public. A pari-mutuel was run on almost every race, and proved exceedingly popular.

Lt. Shillington won the Regimental Tack with Ace of Spades and also carried away the Subaltern's Cup on the same horse.

It was a pity that not many members of the general public attended, as the sport provided was as good as anything seen in Kwanti so far. The \$1 pari-mutuel was an excellent idea, and deservedly popular. For those who wanted to put on a larger scale there was a \$5 pari-mutuel and \$2 cash sweeps.

It was exceedingly cold at Kwanti yesterday, but stoves were placed in the members' enclosure and outside the pari-mutuel booths.

The result of the racing was as follows:

K.O.S.B. Regimental Race. Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Mr. Shillington) 1. Major Lake's As You Like It (Mr. Scott Elliot) 2. Mr. Mattingley's Dumbell (Mr. Mattingley) 3.

Also ran: Grey Eyes (Mr. Clark), Durham (Mr. Richardson) and Knave of Diamonds (Mr. Abbot). Pari-mutuel: Winners (\$5 tickets) \$6.40; (\$1 tickets) \$2. Cash Sweeps: Ticket No. 31 \$68.25, Ticket No. 30 \$22.75.

The Gymkhana Cup. Mr. Maas' Cavaler (Mr. Clarke) 1. Dr. Pierce Grove's Shang River (Dr. MacGown) 2. Major Lake's Tap Sine (Mr. Shillington) 3.

Also ran: Blotting Paper (Mr. Scott Elliot), Newfoundland (Mr. Reidy), Six Hundred (Mr. Stanton), Fire Call (Mr. Gregory).

Pari-mutuel (\$5 tickets) \$40; (\$1 tickets) \$10. Cash Sweeps: No. 50 \$11.00, No. 44 \$3.7.

Ladies Messenger Race. Liberty Hall (Mrs. Lake) 1. Day Run (Miss Scott Harrison) 2. White Knight (Miss D'Almada) 3.

Also ran: Social Call (Mrs. Pott), Loch Erne (Miss MacLaren), Chakra (Miss Berry), Safety First (Miss Baker), Rum Row (Miss Clarke), Honeycomb (Mrs. Chubb), Roarer (Lady Miles), Cave Man (Miss Mackie), Strathmore (Mrs. Greig), Lochaber (Miss Lyard), Tarzalla (Miss de Bler), Noblemen (Mrs. Pilleau).

Pari-mutuel: Winners (\$1 tickets) \$3.80, Cash Sweeps: No. 30, \$90, No. 67 \$32.

K.O.S.B. Subaltern Cup. Mr. Shillington's Ace of Spades (Mr. Shillington) 1. Mr. Richardson's Movanager (Mr. Richardson) 2. Mr. Scott Elliot's Skipper (Mr. Scott Elliot) 3.

Also ran: Kiangsu (Mr. Clarke), Loch Erne (Mr. Welsh). Pari-mutuel: Winners (\$5 tickets) \$6.70, (\$1 tickets) \$1.50. Cash Sweeps: No. 34 \$132.76, No. 97 \$44.25.

Sun Wai Cup. Messrs. Stanton & Reidy's Mowgli (Mr. Reidy) 1. Lt. Col. Comyn's Little River (Mr. Cave) 2.

Mr. Wyburd's Tommy (Mr. Wyburd) 3. Also ran: Kamling (Stanton), Borderer (Mr. Gregory) and Shingle (Mr. McCarty).

Pari-mutuel: Winners (\$5 tickets) \$5.50, (\$1 tickets) \$1.40. Cash Sweeps: No. 68 \$117, No. 83 \$30.

Ladies Scully. Run Row (Miss Clarke) 1. Shingle (Mrs. Pilleau) 2. Craigavon (Mrs. Chubb) 3.

Also ran: Chakra (Miss Berry), Safety First (Miss Baker), Rum Row (Miss Scott Harrison), Roarer (Lady Marcia Miles), Strathmore (Mrs. Greig), Tarzalla (Miss de Bler) and Murray Thwaite (Mrs. Lake).

Pari-mutuel: Winners (\$1 tickets) \$3.80, Cash Sweeps: No. 8 \$74.25, No. 6 \$24.75.

The following cash sweeps were also drawn: Race 4: No. 7 \$104.25; No. 13 \$34.75. Race 8: No. 12 \$48.00; No. 16 \$15. Race 10: No. 65 \$81; No. 48 \$27.

WALES V. IRELAND.

ASSOCIATION GAME ENDS IN A DRAW.

London, Feb. 2.

Wet weather prevailed at Wrexham today for the international association football match between Wales and Ireland. Ten thousand people saw the game which was played on a wet ground. There was a brisk display of football from the start, but the exemplary tactics shown by both sides soon succeeded in slowing the game down. The ground was in a very soggy condition, and with a greasy ball miscalculation was very frequent.

The Irish team was the first to score. The right wing went down with a smart manoeuvre and found the goalmouth. Maycock putting the ball through with a swift low shot. There was no further scoring before the interval.

Straight away from the centre kick after the resumption, Davies got away on the Welsh right and put across a high centre which Mays intercepted and headed into the net to equalise. The Welshmen then took the ascendancy in attack and secured the lead through a magnificent cross goal shot from Warren. They were unable to score again, however, after Mays' Clugage had equalised for Ireland from a penalty given for handling during an exciting melee in front of the Welsh goal.

Result: Wales 2; Ireland 2.—Reuter.

FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S.

LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION'S GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

The Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association has made a substantial contribution to the funds of St. Dunstan's. The sum of \$45 was raised by subscriptions in the various Clubs and a collection at the open championship final and a further \$8.16s. was secured as the result of a collection made on the occasion of the Hongkong-Kowloon match on New Year's day.

Mr. C. J. Tatchell, the Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association, has received the following acknowledgment from the Treasurer of St. Dunstan's:

"Very many thanks for your letter of the 6th ult. enclosing \$45, this amount being a collection in aid of the above fund, for which I send you herewith our official receipt. There was a tendency at one time to regard St. Dunstan's work as essential only during the years of the war and those immediately following it. The people of the Empire, however, have given ready and generous recognition to the fact that a war-blinded man is blinded for his whole life-time, and needs constant supervision of his every social, family and business interest. It is this most important work of after-care which is St. Dunstan's major responsibility today, and to carry it out fully and efficiently we must continue to rely upon the help of such generous friends as yourself and the members of your Association."

CIVIL AVIATION.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR NEW COMPANY.

London, Feb. 2.

An important step in the encouragement of civil aviation has been taken by the formation of the National Flying Services, Limited, under the honorary chairmanship of Captain F. E. Guest to establish flying clubs, aerodromes, and landing grounds all over the country.

A White Paper states that the Air Ministry has agreed to grant financial assistance for 10 years, on the basis of the number of qualified pilots, not exceeding 27,500 annually.

The Company undertakes to provide 20 aerodromes and 80 landing grounds within three years. It expects to commence active flying in April with an initial fleet of 100 aeroplanes for flying tuition, private hire, and other activities.

Popular Flying. With the idea of popularising the use of aeroplanes, a United States company, backed with a capital of five million dollars, has been formed to arrange the sale of machines on the instalment system.—Reuter's American Service.

SHANGHAI REVENUE.

LARGE INCREASE IN JANUARY.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

As expected the Customs revenue collected in Shanghai in January shows a very substantial increase over the previous January, largely due to the rush by importers to get in cargo before enforcement of the new duties.

The total collection for January is just over 4,000,000 taels against approximately 1,800,000 taels last year.

The principal factor in this increase is the import duty, which comes to over 3,200,000 taels, an increase of just under 2,000,000 taels compared with last year. At the same time the export duties are up over 10,000 taels, while tonnage dues have increased to the extent of 45,000 taels.

Under the heading of coast trade there is an improvement of just under 20,000 taels, while transit dues give a very much higher figure for January, being roughly 60,000 taels compared with 24,000 taels in January last year.—Reuter.

SMUGGLED JEWELS.

NEW YORK MERCHANTS PERTURBED.

New York, Feb. 2.

The Federal grand jury has brought in two indictments charging William Ballyn, chief steward of the Boregarra, a city police man, and four others with complicity in smuggling operations whereby the Federal officials estimate one million dollars worth of jewels were smuggled into the United States.

It is alleged that a regular system was organised involving not only seafarers but also the dock police and jewellers, by which the jewels were brought from Amsterdam via Southampton to New York, where they were handed over to the smugglers and a mysterious woman agent, who delivered the gems to the wholesale dealers.

This illicit traffic has become so serious that a jeweller's protective society has been contemplating appealing to Congress.

Reuter's American Service.

SCHOOL PRIZES.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL FOR INDIANS.

Mr. A. el Arculli presided at the annual prize distribution of the Ellis Kadoorie School for Indians on Saturday morning. He was supported on the platform by Mr. Bishen Singh, acting head master; the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police; Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education; Mrs. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. Sutherland, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, and Dr. H. el Arculli.

A most satisfactory report was presented by Mr. Bishen Singh, after which the Chairman distributed the prizes.

In addressing the boys Mr. el Arculli said that the report on the activities of the School would receive the hearty congratulations of the friends and supporters of the School. The high standard of work reached was most satisfactory. He congratulated Mr. M. A. Khan on the success of his class, which obtained 100 per cent. in succession. Mr. Khan was going on leave shortly, and he wished him a pleasant voyage, a happy holiday, and a safe return to the Colony, coupled with the hope that he would accomplish the "hat trick" when he came back. The discipline of the School continued to be good, and the fact that the number of boys on the roll had increased showed the popularity of the School. Mr. Sutherland had been transferred to the Education Department during the year, but he still came to the School to teach two or three times during the week when he could spare the time. That in itself was evidence of the great interest he took in the School. They would regret to hear that Mr. Sutherland was not coming back to the School as head master. Mr. A. T. Hamilton, whom they had with them there that day, was taking Mr. Sutherland's place. His great ability both in the school and on the sports field would undoubtedly ensure for him a warm welcome from the staff and scholars of the Ellis Kadoorie School.

English Conversation. Proceeding, Mr. el Arculli said that last year he had made a suggestion with reference to the School library, which he was pleased to note had been carried out—he referred to the larger number of books read by the boys during the past year. He had another suggestion to make this year. In order to improve their English conversation the boys should be encouraged to take part in short plays.

In conclusion, the Chairman said he would like to remind them that they did not come to school merely to learn lessons and observe the school rules. They had also to train their powers and have them developed to think and reason. They should also inculcate the principles of orderliness, of obedience, and of self-control. If they gave heed to these principles they would be a credit to themselves and their families. Nor would they be drawn into religious quarrels and strifes, which were so prominent at the present time. They would appreciate the fact that, whether they were Hindus or Mohammedans, their worship had the same laudable motive—to see God through the eyes of love. He had only one other thing to say—that was to ask the parents to cooperate with the School staff by seeing that the boys did their home work regularly and well. (Applause.) Cheers were called, and heartily given, for the visitors, the ladies, Mr. Wood, and the School itself.

TWO PAPERS BANNED.

TIENTSIN JOURNALS ANNOY THE GOVERNMENT.

Shanghai, Feb. 3.

A message from Tientsin says that by order of the State Council, the Tientsin Municipality has prohibited the circulation of the North China Standard and North China Star, for repeatedly publishing "fabricated reports detrimental to the party and the Government."

The post office has been instructed not to allow the use of the mails for these publications.—Reuter.

MME. SUN'S RETURN.

GOVERNMENT HOSPITALITY AT PEKING.

Nanking, Feb. 3.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has telegraphed to Peking giving instructions for arrangements to be made for the reception of Madame Sun Yat-sen, who is returning to China via Siberia. It is understood that a spacious building, formerly belonging to Dr. Wellington Koo, will be placed at her disposal, during her stay in Peking.—Reuter.



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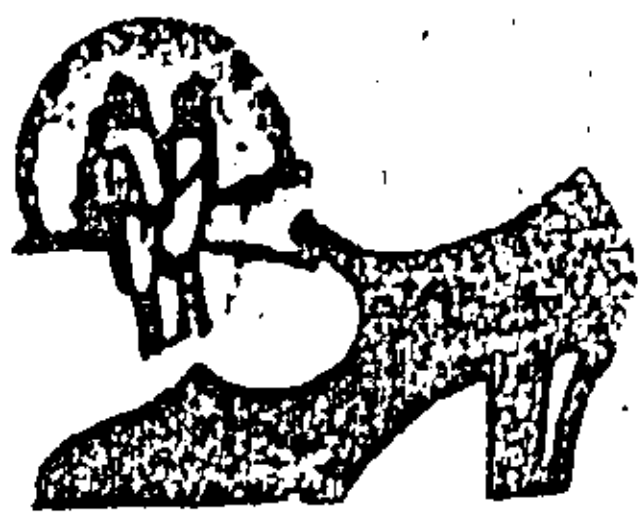
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BANK EXTRAORDINARY MEETING.

NEW ORDINANCE APPROVED BY SHAREHOLDERS.

Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on Saturday authorised the directors to take the necessary steps for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council intended to bring the old Ordinance and the Deed of Settlement up to date and to bring the constitution of the Bank into line with those of the principal British banks.

Mr. A. H. Compton (chairman of directors) presided, supported by Mr. N. S. Brown (deputy chairman), Mr. B. D. F. Beith, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. B. Lander Lewis, Mr. W. L. Patterson, Hon. Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. H. F. White (directors) and the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes (chief manager).

The following shareholders were present: Mrs. Blair, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, LL. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Messrs. T. E. Pearce, G. E. Towns, H. Kom-tong, O.B.E., John Arnold, A. Nisim, M. Manuk, R. A. Dastur, E. D. Kotwall, D. J. Lewis, D. E. Clark, Henry Humphreys, J. H. Taggart, J. Fleming, J. E. Joseph, S. J. Jordan, C. Bernard Brown, J. T. Ingram, J. F. Wright, H. Dixon, J. M. Alves, K. S. Morrison, Ho Ki, Fung Kong-ung, J. Hennessy, Seth Chan Lin-pak, D. M. Goodall, W. F. Van Eps, P. S. Cassidy, P. K. Kwoh, B. L. Selon-Winton, Ho Wing, C. A. da Rosa, W. S. Bailey, Chan Shu-ming, H. S. Hills, C. I. Cooke, W. G. Goggin, O. I. Ellis, A. B. Raworth, V. M. Grayburn, Fung Bok-ung, and K. E. Greig.

The resolution was read by the Hon. Mr. Hynes as follows: "That the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinance (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation."

And notice is hereby also given that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement. Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.

Note: A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hongkong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Building, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

The Chairman said:—As you are aware, this meeting has been called in order that the shareholders of the Corporation may authorise the Directors to take all necessary steps for the enactment of a new Ordinance to amend the present constitution of the Corporation. You will observe from the notice, which has just been read, that a copy of the proposed Ordinance could be seen during the periods specified at the Head Office of the Corporation and, at the office of the Corporation's solicitors in Hongkong and also at the office of the Corporation in Shanghai.

This is sufficient to comply with the existing requirements. As a matter of fact, however, a copy of the proposed new Ordinance has been sent to every branch of the Bank and shareholders have been given a full opportunity of perusing it at all places where there are branches or agencies.

Bringing Things up to Date.

Attached to the print of the new Ordinance and the new Regulations in the Schedule thereto (which Regulations replace the present Deed of Settlement) you will find the "Objects and Reasons," a Table of Correspondence between the new Bill and Ordinance No. 2 of 1866 and Ordinance No. 2 of 1924 (which latter Ordinance increased the limit of the Note issue), and a Table of Correspondence between the Regulations and the existing Deed of Settlement, which explains the reasons for any alterations made by the new Regulations.

In the year 1866 when the original Ordinance was passed (the

Deed of Settlement being executed in the following year), no one contemplated the important position which the Bank has since attained in international finance and the vast amount of world-wide commerce with which it is now connected. And although the Ordinance of 1866 and the Deed of Settlement have been amended to a certain extent, it has been felt for some considerable time past that that Ordinance and Deed of Settlement ought to be thoroughly brought up to date and that the constitution of the Corporation should be brought into line with those of the principal British Banks.

Subject of course to the wishes of shareholders, I do not propose to deal with the proposed Ordinance and Regulations in detail but will only refer to the salient points.

Clause Explained.

The Corporation was originally incorporated for the term of 21 years from the date of the Ordinance. This period has been enlarged from time to time by the Governor, with the advice of the Legislative Council of the Colony, and the present period of incorporation of the Bank will, apart from the provisions of the proposed Ordinance, expire in August of this year. It is obviously desirable that the incorporation of the Bank should now be made permanent and the proposed Ordinance, if passed, provides by Clause 3 for this.

The new Ordinance provides by Clause 4 that its provisions and the Regulations for the time being shall bind not only the Bank and the shareholders, but also third parties.

Clause 5 provides that the objects of the Bank shall be the carrying on of the business of banking and, as ancillary thereto, the other businesses and objects set forth and contained in No. 3 of the Regulations. The objects so defined in Regulation 3 are such as to enable the Bank to carry on, not only all the different branches of banking, but also those ancillary matters which the exigencies of modern commerce and finance necessarily impose upon large Banking houses.

Capital of the Bank.

The existing capital of the Bank will remain as it is, with power, with the previous consent of the Governor, to increase the same to a sum not exceeding \$50,000,000.

Clauses 8 and 9 of the draft Ordinance make certain provisions as to the alteration and re-organisation of capital, which might possibly in the future be useful, applicable to the Bank.

The new Ordinance contains due provision with regard to the note issue and the security therefore and the liabilities of shareholders in connection therewith. The security for the notes is in no way diminished and the liability of the proprietors remains the same. The period of issue of notes by the Bank is limited to July, 1929, as the result of instructions from the Secretary of State. The period of the note issue of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and of the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., is restricted to the same period.

Bank Practice Defined.

Clause 12 relating to the liability of shareholders on the dissolution of the Corporation includes in simplified language the combined provisions of Section 12 (5 and 6) and Section 25 of the Ordinance of 1866, and the Regulations also enable the Board of Directors to do everything necessary for the getting in and disposing of the property and discharging, so far as the assets extend, the debts and liabilities of the Bank and distributing amongst the shareholders the surplus assets of the Bank, and finally winding up and closing its affairs. This Regulation replaces Art. 208 of the Deed of Settlement.

Clause 13 of the Bill as to forms of contract, and Clause 14 as to Bills of Exchange and promissory notes merely define what is the existing practice of the Bank.

Under the existing Ordinance the amount of the accommodation which may be given by the Bank to a Director or other officer of the Bank is restricted. Under Clause 15 of the new Ordinance the amount is yet further restricted.

Head Office Remains.

Clauses 16 and 17 provide that in certain eventualities the Bank may be wound up by the Supreme Court, in which event all the provisions of the Companies Ordinances with respect to the winding up of companies shall apply to the Bank.

Clause 18 makes the necessary repeats and preserves the original incorporation of the Bank.

With regard to the Regulations, little need be said except that they have been drawn up in accordance with the modern forms of precedents used by banking companies and that they have been extended so as to meet all possible requirements of modern banking, finance and commerce, and generally speaking, the Regulations are based on the requirements which the Bank, by its own experience, has found to be necessary for the proper conduct of its business. They contain the usual

WOMAN MURDERED.

DEAD IN BED WITH GASH ON FOREHEAD.

Mystery surrounds the circumstances attending the murder of a Chilean woman whose full name is Maria Teresa Espinoza Parra, of Valparaiso, who was found dead in bed with a gash on her forehead at No. 26, Peel Ho Street, Yau-mat, on Saturday afternoon. She was the wife of Mr. Fung Fat-cheung, the master of the Chung Hing Knitting factory, and it is believed that they were married in South America, Mr. Fung being a returned emigrant.

It would appear that the crime was discovered at about half past three in the afternoon, when Mr. Fung was collecting accounts in Hongkong. At that time, neighbours who live on the floor above, had their attention attracted to Mr. Fung's floor by the constant crying of her six months' old baby, and one of the neighbours called to a woman in the street and asked her to find out why the baby was crying.

This woman, it is understood, then entered the late Mrs. Fung's floor and found her lying in bed, with her face covered with blood and an ugly gash on her forehead.

The police were immediately called in and were investigating the case yesterday, although it is believed, little headway has been made.

The husband, it is reported, had left the house about noon, going to Hongkong to collect debts, and he did not return until six o'clock, by which time the Police had already removed the body and were investigating and interrogating the inmates of the house. The husband traded in America, it is said, for over twenty years, returning to Hongkong about three years ago, and last year the deceased came to China, and lived with her husband and two small sons.

Up to a late hour last night no arrests had been effected.

prohibition against buying or against lending money on the security of the Bank's own shares. The Head Office remains, as heretofore, in Hongkong.

Carefully Revised.

The Bill and Regulations have, under the instructions of the Bank's solicitor, been carefully drawn and revised by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and also include certain suggestions which have been made by the Attorney General, the Honourable Sir Joseph Kemp, C.B.E., K.C., and they have been approved by the Secretary of State and the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury and by the Governor of Hongkong.

It is therefore to be hoped that the shareholders here present will unanimously support the Resolution which I am about to propose. As soon as the Resolution has been proposed and seconded, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions which shareholders may wish to ask.

The Motion.

I now propose that the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

The motion was seconded by Mr. T. E. Pearce.

Mr. J. M. Alves: Mr. Chairman, I should like to have some explanation in regard to Clause No. 7 of the proposed Bill now before us. I refer particularly to the last two lines thereof—viz. "to a total amount not exceeding the sum of 50,000,000 dollars."

I do not know whether this is a piece of modesty on our part but at the rate this Bank is growing I am of the opinion that this amount should be stipulated as not exceeding \$100,000,000, thus providing for whatever further Capital we may require for the expansion of the Bank's business for many more years to come.

The Chairman: Although the figure is given as \$50,000,000 this does not preclude us from seeking power to increase the Capital to any amount we may think fit. I think for the purposes of these new Regulations we might leave it as it stands, for \$100,000,000 is rather looking too far into the future, is it not?

The resolution given above was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Chairman announced that a confirmatory meeting would be held in the City Hall immediately after the ordinary general meeting on February 23.

WESLEYAN HOME.

RENDERING SERVICE TO SERVICEMEN.

All who were present at the opening of the new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by H. E. the Governor on Wednesday last were enthusiastic in their admiration of the building and its equipment, and the appreciation of Servicemen has already manifested itself.

Among the many entirely unsolicited words of commendation which have reached us, none are more acceptable or could be more significant than that which came in a letter to the President from that distinguished officer of the "Silent Service" our late Commander-in-Chief, Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., who, enclosing a very generous gift to the Home, says: "I enclose a small contribution to your most excellent Home. I can't tell you how impressed I am with it, and I think it is perfectly splendid in all details. I know the men will appreciate it."

Public Spirited Service.

The splendid completion of such a large enterprise has been due to the energy and cordial co-operation of a group of voluntary workers, and when the residents of Hongkong are so often accused of lack of public spirit, it is only common justice to point out that many acts of service to the community are being performed by various groups of persons whose names seldom come before the public. Such a group is responsible for a vast amount of unselfish service which lies behind the provision of this new Sailors' and Soldiers' Home.

Public praise so easily goes to those whose names must necessarily appear frequently because of their official position. It is, of course, intended to include others, but attention should be drawn to the fact that many hours stolen from their leisure or recreation have been given in committee meetings and out of them by those who share the work and responsibility of such an important enterprise as has now been brought to so successful a climax. The following ladies and gentlemen are the members of the General Committee of the Home:

Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey, President and Treasurer; Messrs. A. Dransfield and T. Armstrong, Joint Honorary Secretaries of the Committee; Mrs. Anstey, Mrs. Makchem, and Mrs. Edmonds; Rev. Edgar Dewar, Chairman, and General Superintendent of the South China District of the W.M.M.S.; Col. R. B. Skinner, O.B.E., R.E., representing the Army; Engineer-Captain W. H. Michell, R.N., representing the Navy; Messrs. S. Hamer, W. H. Edmonds, T. L. Mathias, R.C.N.C.,

and Mr. C. Makeham. Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A., Wesleyan Mission Architect. Until they left the Colony Mr. and Mrs. Allan Kirk were very active members of this Committee.

Special Building Committee.

At the commencement of the work a special Building Committee was formed to carefully review the plans and to assist the architect in deciding details and in the supervision of the work. The competence of that Committee will be recognised when the names of its members are mentioned, but the value of their painstaking and conscientious devotion to the task assigned them is immeasurable. The following gentlemen constituted the Building Committee:—Mr. A. J. May, A.R.I.B.A., the architect, and Messrs. S. Hamer, C. Sara, W. H. Edmonds, and Mr. A. E. Clarke, who personally planned and superintended the whole electrical installation.

Until his departure from the Colony to take up his appointment under the Ceylon Government, Mr. Allan Kirk was the Convenor of this Committee, and was largely responsible for the efficiency of its working. On his departure, this office was undertaken by Mr. F. J. Ling who, from the commencement, had been a valued member of the Committee.

A special Equipment Sub-Committee, on which two of the ladies of the General Committee served, gave minute attention to the furnishing and appointments of the Home. Mr. W. H. Smith acted as the convenor of this Committee and rendered invaluable service not only by his businesslike attention to all details, but by providing the Committee with much valuable information which he had gathered before he came out as manager of the Home during special visits of inquiry to the most up-to-date amongst similar institutions in England.

Needs Still Unmet.

The Committee is also indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for unflinching toil in preparation for the opening of the Home.

We trust that His Excellency's appeal for further help will not pass unheeded. It is obvious that such an institution cannot be run effectively except at great expense. Ministering, as it does, to only one section of the community its revenue is strictly limited, and especially suffers when the Fleet is absent from Hongkong. Being also a temperance institution, the considerable profits of a "wet" bar are not met.

It is not only essential that the building itself should be paid for, but that annual subscriptions and special gifts should be forthcoming if the service to Servicemen is to be efficiently rendered.

The furnishing of the library is still incomplete; books and periodicals are much needed, and the Home is at present without a

CHINESE DOCTORS.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION'S FIRST DINNER.

The Hongkong Chinese Medical Association held their first dinner last Friday night at South China Restaurant when a large gathering of local Chinese doctors attended.

Dr. Man Wong, the President elect, was the host and in a suitable after-dinner speech outlined the programme for the ensuing year in which the scientific and social activities were emphasised.

He was followed by Dr. Phoon Sock Wah, the Vice-president, who pleaded for more cordial support from the members of the Association, and enumerated some of the things the Committee has done in the interest of the profession. He also made a few important proposals for the consideration of the members.

The Committee for the year is as follows:—President, Dr. M. Wong; Vice-President, Dr. S. W. Phoon; Hon. Sec. & Treasurer, Dr. F. J. Teung; other members, Committee, Dr. Y. S. Wan, Dr. S. F. Li, Dr. Jau Hawk, Dr. Chau Wai Cheung, Dr. Arthur W. Woo, Dr. K. C. Cheng.

It was resolved by the Committee that the scientific meetings should be made as practical as possible.

VACCINATION.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE CAMPAIGN.

The number of Chinese vaccinated free of charge by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, is given as follows in the latest return:

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	27,804
King's College Division	27,347
Railway Division	4,470
Indian Division	4,176
Kowloon Division	101,169
Mongkok Division	118,248
Shaokwan Division	6,529
Un Long	1,434
St. Joseph's College Division	6,574
Victoria Nursing Division	659
Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division	430
	292,840

A house to house vaccination campaign is now in progress.

clock, though it needs more than one.

We think that the public of Hongkong may well be pleased at the addition of another worthy building and the prestige which the port will gain in making such desirable provision for the comfort and entertainment of Servicemen, and we cannot doubt that it will be anxious to have its full share in so important and valuable a piece of public service. Contributed.

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CHAPTER XIII.

"Because—" and Elizabeth told him what she had heard. Conrad Dickers said the night she met him after her escape from Melford. "So that was it, was it? Well, if ever a man had cause to resort to murder, that man had; but all the same, it would go against the grain with me to murder a fellow creature in cold blood. Why, I might just as well set off to revenge myself on that fellow Myra has married—only she was not my wife—but the girl I loved, and who, I thought, loved me."

It was the first time John had ever mentioned the tragedy of his life to his ward, and Elizabeth was so astonished to say a word in reply.

"I've never mentioned my trouble to a soul," John went on, "but I often want to let out a bit, it's so ghastly having to bottle up everything, only I couldn't stand Aunt Lucy fussing over me, or other people abusing Myra, because one can't tear a love like mine out of one's heart all at once. But you're different, Elizabeth, somehow. You won't condole with me—you may express your wonder, perhaps, that I could care for a girl who couldn't stick to me because I'm poor, but you're no humbug, and will let me talk to you about her without repeating all I say to anyone else."

"No, John. Of course, anything you say to me is sacred, and you can talk about Myra as much as you like. I won't hurt your feelings by telling you what I think of her, and you wouldn't want to hear it, but at the same time, I've felt sorry for you both—for her because she has lost the love of a good man, and you because you are too faithful to her to be able to take up your life again as it was before you met her. I shall never have a lover myself, and I don't want to marry anyone, but if I cared for him I should want to be poor if he was poor, and to work my fingers to the bone to secure his comfort and happiness. That's an old-fashioned notion, I suppose, in these days. Mrs. Gilroy used to say that a girl should never start her married life with a husband who had nothing, a year, and laughed at me for an out-of-date young person when I told her I thoroughly disagreed with her."

"You're a funny kid, Elizabeth," John put his hand through her arm and laughed as she had never heard him laugh since her return to "Adenocroft." Hearing that laugh from the drawing-room, where she sat, Miss Sheldon told herself with glad relief that her beloved nephew was beginning to be himself again, and airy dreams flitted through her mind, in which John and his ward played a conspicuous part.

"What do you think that nice fellow Dickers—for he was nice, and I owe him too good a turn to think otherwise—said of you that evening at Crewe? He declared that if he had been a younger man, and not hampered by a ruined past, he'd have been over head and ears in love with you! Think of that!"

"Well, and if he hadn't had a wife in the background I'd have had him if he'd asked me," Elizabeth retorted. "Never mind what his case was—or his past."

"What nonsense!" John said, and his voice sounded quite angry. "The great Cumberland Hotel mystery," as the headlines in the newspaper had it, was soon forgotten in the excitement of another tragedy even more mysterious which engrossed public attention.

The verdict at the inquest on the bodies of Austin Melford and Mildred Gilroy was given in accordance with the general opinion, namely, that the man first shot his sister, then himself, the motive for the deed remaining an unsolvable mystery for all time.

Only two persons guessed what were the real facts of the case, and their lips were sealed.

For John Sheldon and his ward life in the future would never be quite the same as it was before the breaking off of the former's engagement and the narrow escape of Elizabeth from a miserable fate which had ended in the death of her enemies. John's troubles had aged him, and destroyed for the time being his careless, light-hearted existence, while Elizabeth, her

love for her guardian greater than ever, could not but realize that she was to him only his ward, a legal responsibility thrust upon him against his will—nothing more—and the fact caused her to carefully avoid any show of even sisterly affection under a cloak of cold unresponsiveness to all his efforts at comradeship—save when sometimes she relented so far as to let him talk of himself and the past. But of late these talks had almost ceased. John himself had mentioned his former fiancée's name on one or two occasions, to his aunt's secret amazement and relief, since there would now be no need any longer to fight shy of allusions to Myra and her family in general conversation, and seemed to point to the fact that her beloved nephew was gradually getting over his disappointment.

Nearly a year had passed quietly and uneventfully away since Elizabeth's return to "Adenocroft." Christmas time had been celebrated by a dinner and dance given by Sir Edward and Lady Dawes, at which everyone said Miss Hyde was the best-looking and best-dressed girl there. Elizabeth had become very popular in Shrimpton; people thought her clever and good company, and did not forget the fact that she was also a great helpmeet, and to ambitious parents a most desirable daughter-in-law.

"What a pity your nephew doesn't marry his ward," was often heard by Miss Sheldon, and replied to by a stately upturning of her head and the coldly spoken reply that "John would never think of asking any girl to marry him unless his income was equal to hers."

Once Mrs. Styles had presumed to make the same remark to John Sheldon himself. "Why don't you and Miss Hyde make a match of it?" she asked in her brusque way. "You'll miss your chance of being first in the field if you're not careful, with all these young sparks about."

To which John had replied with a haughty look of surprise. "You are very kind to take an interest in my private affairs, Mrs. Styles, but I think I must be allowed to know my own business best myself."

"Of course, my dear boy! Of course, but it seems strange that with such a nice, good-looking girl in the house, for Miss Hyde has certainly improved enormously in appearance, you haven't lost your heart to her long ago. Surely you're not still wearing the willow for that vain, vapour little piece of goods, Myra Gayle? Why, she can't hold a candle to Elizabeth Hyde, though I grant you Myra's pretty; but it's about all."

The next morning with a sharp "Excuse me, I see a man over there I want to speak to," John had turned away, leaving Mrs. Styles gawping with amazement at the effect of her words.

"I'm afraid I've put my foot in it," she said to Elizabeth, who came to invite her to strawberries and cream. Miss Sheldon was giving a select tea party under the mulberry trees. "I've just sent John away in a huff because I told him, though not quite so plainly, that he was a fool to be wearing the willow for Myra Gayle when he might console himself so easily; he ought to marry my dear. I said—"

"My dear Mrs. Styles, if you said anything like that I don't wonder John went off in a huff. And I'm afraid if you say it to me I shall go off in another!"

The words were said in a laughing tone, but Mrs. Styles' sharp eyes detected the sudden flushing of the girl's cheek and the little catch in her voice.

"Oh, of course, if it's a subject tabooed by both of you, I'll not say a word more, but I'm partial to John, and I like you, Miss Hyde. Nothing would please me better than to hear you were making a match of it."

"I shall put the sugar with these strawberries and cream, or will you prefer to do it yourself?" "Thanks, I'll have both—I see John coming back, no doubt to make his peace," and Mrs. Styles beckoned to him with her spoon. "Take care, my dear, you've split some cream over that pretty frock!"

But Elizabeth was gone! (To Be Continued.)

SESSIONS CASES.

FINAL TRIAL NOT YET BEGUN.

The last case on the Criminal Sessions Calendar should have come before the Pains Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Supreme Court this morning, but it has been put off until the forged banknote case, proceeding before the Chief Justice, has been finished. The reason for this is that Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is the prosecuting counsel in both cases, and will not therefore be available to appear before the Pains Judge until the case before the Chief Justice has been finished.

Jurors who attended this morning because Court officials were unable to get into communication with them, were warned to return at half past ten to-morrow morning, as it is likely that the case before the Chief Justice will be concluded to-day.

The case yet to be tried is one of uttering impressions of a forged chop and embezzlement of \$1,815.91. Charges are preferred against Lo Lung-pak, alias Lo Pak-wai, alias Lo Cheong-lee.

PRISONER MAKES MISTAKE.

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the plates, wrapped in newspapers, were found inside.

He had never opened the packages, as he had been told that they contained nothing but copper. There was no reason why he should open them as they had been left in his charge. He could not remember whether he was given separate packages or not, as when he received them, he merely dumped them in the drawer.

They were given to him by a man who brought them on his first visit. When he came again he brought a revolver and fifty rounds of ammunition. It was about September 11 when witness received the copper plates. The man also brought a small leather bag, the lock of which the police forced when they searched the house.

A Former Printer.

Witness claimed the printing machine and various chemicals as his, stating that he himself was a licensed printer, having sold his business shortly before his arrest. He kept the chemicals because they would have realised little in the sale. He intended to pass them on to a friend named Ip Weng-chun, the proprietor of a printing shop in the New Territories.

The trial is proceeding.

MARSHAL LI CHAI-SUM.

DETAINED IN CANTON BY PRESSURE OF WORK.

Canton, Feb. 4. Marshal Li Chai-sum's journey to Kwangsi to attend the interment of his deceased mother has been postponed owing to the pressure of work requiring immediate attention, according to information from official sources. Marshal Li will report the nature of the discussions that have taken place in Nanking concerning reconstruction, military, financial and foreign questions, before leaving. —Nam Chung Pao.

A LEONARDO DA VINCI REPORTED.

\$400,000 ART SALE PROMISED IN BERLIN.

Berlin, Jan. 4. Berlin art lovers learn with surprise and pleasure that the well-known Italian art historian, Adolfo Venturi, proclaims that the Berlin Kaiser Friedrich Museum possesses a hitherto unidentified Leonardo da Vinci. The object in question is a terra cotta bust of John the Baptist, which has hitherto been ascribed to the school of Verrocchio. The Italian art specialist supports his conviction that it was modelled by no other than Verrocchio's pupil, Leonardo da Vinci, by referring to the same figure with the same expression found in several of the Master's paintings. On June 4 next one of the most important auctions in the present year will be held at Paul Cassirer's auction rooms in Berlin, where the famous Paris Spiridon collection of earlier Italian masters will come under the hammer. The collection comprises eighty pictures and is insured at about \$400,000. Berlin art circles are particularly gratified that so big a sale should be held here, as Berlin is thereby recognised as in the front rank of international art centres.

Mr. John Muir Calder, proprietor of the Douglas Hotel Stirling, was found dead on Jan. 3, with a gunshot wound in his head.

NEW AIRCRAFT CARRIERS.

JAPAN FAVOURS LOW TONNAGE.

LARGER SHIPS RISKY.

Tokyo.—When in 1927 the Japanese Government sanctioned its last naval programme, it was generally believed that the new aircraft carrier, which was one of the vessels whose construction was projected, would be of much the same size and type as the Akagi and Kaga, the two 27,000-ton carriers then under construction.

Under the terms of the Washington Agreement, Japan is allowed to build up to a total of 81,000 tons of such vessels of over 10,000 tons. It was presumed, therefore, and generally stated in the Japanese Press, that in building this third carrier Japan would make full use of the remaining 27,000 tons left to her under her quota.

A chance remark let fall at the recent naval review, however, elicited the fact that considerable discussion is now taking place amongst the Japanese naval authorities as to the design of the projected vessel, and that in any case the idea of building another 27,000-ton carrier has been given up.

In view of the controversy in all countries of recent years regarding the value of capital ships in wars of the future, this decision on the part of the Japanese Navy is of special interest, as it shows that, in so far as aircraft carriers are concerned, they do not consider the construction of giant vessels justified, even for the sake of bringing themselves up to the maximum tonnage allowed.

Smaller Ships Best.

In brief, they argue that the tactical value of a 27,000-ton carrier in war-time is subject to doubt, and that, in view of the huge cost of construction, it is unwise to build any more such vessels, as it is akin to putting too many eggs into one basket. The loss of such a vessel in war-time would deprive the fleet of a large portion of its "eyes" in the form of some fifty aircraft. The probability is, therefore, that the projected carrier will be nearer in tonnage and design to the great 9,500-ton Haseho than to the great 27,000-ton Akagi and Kaga.

The Kaga, it may be noted, was completed just in time to take part in the recent naval review, when it was seen by the public for the first time. Details regarding its construction, like those of the Akagi, which was completed in the year 1927, are kept strictly secret; but from what one could see of these two vessels when passing them on one of the three Japanese warships acting as escort to the Emperor on the occasion of the review, the most conspicuous feature of each was the huge clear flying deck.

The main differences between them, so far as the eye could see, were that the funnels of the Akagi protruded from the sides and her flying deck appeared to curve downwards at the stern, while the funnels of the Kaga ran along the sides practically the whole length of the ship to the stern and the flying deck was level throughout.

Another new unit of the Japanese Fleet which was seen for the first time on this same occasion was the first of Japan's eight cruisers of the "Treaty Class," the newly completed 10,000-ton Nachi. Compared with the three British cruisers of the same class—Kent, Berwick, and Suffolk—which also were present at the review the difference in appearance was most striking. Possibly the British cruisers are every bit as good, but to a layman's eye, their white paint and general lines made them appear like harmless passenger ships or great private steam yachts whereas the Nachi with her great fighting tops almost like those of a battleship and the general air of grimness imparted by her dull grey colouring and bristling guns left one in no doubt as to her *raison d'être*.

A FALSE REPORT.

NO ATTEMPT ON PAPAL NUNCIO.

Madrid, Feb. 2. The reports of the attempted assassination of the Papal Nuncio are baseless. The reports originated from the fact that the Papal Nuncio happened to be passing the spot when the keeper of the Royal Park was shot by a suspect whom he was about to arrest.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

G.O.C. IN THE COLONY DURING THE WAR.

Major-General Francis Ventris, C.B., Colonel of the Essex Regiment, died on Jan. 4 at his home at St. Leonards at the age of 71.

Born in 1857 General Ventris was the second son of the late Rev. E. F. Ventris of Church Aston, Salop. He was educated at the Newport Grammar School and entered the army in 1876.

He had war service with the Nile Expedition of 1884-5, and was with the Egyptian Field Force in 1886-6. He was A.A.G. in India from 1895 to 1902, and was then appointed Major-General Commanding in North China, a post which he held till 1906. On the outbreak of the Great War he was appointed to command the 25th Division, and in 1916 he came to Hongkong as G.O.C. Forces in China, a post he held until the end of the war.

Naval Deaths. According to a Naval Wireless message received on Saturday, Able Seaman Edmund Harry White, of H.M.S. Sepoy, had died. No particulars as to how the man met his death are given. The message states that White was a married man, his home address being at Bow, London.

The funeral of A. B. White took place this morning at Happy Valley at 10.30, the cortege leaving the Royal Naval Hospital at 10 o'clock.

Petty Officer Timms. The death is also reported, from Shanghai, of Petty Officer R. A. Timms of H.M.S. Gnat, death occurring in the Shanghai General Hospital on Saturday.

OPIUM CONTROL.

CHINESE DELEGATE'S PROTEST.

Genoa, Feb. 2. The League of Nations Opium Committee, having adopted the report for presentation to the Council, has concluded its session. Mr. Wang King-kee did not vote for the report on the ground that it was unsatisfactory, firstly, because the wishes of China, which was principally interested in the suppression of the opium traffic, had not been reproduced, and secondly because no concrete results had been obtained regarding the limitation of control and manufacture of drugs. Mr. Wang King-kee reserved the right to submit to the League the wishes of the Chinese Nationalist Government whenever the occasion demanded.—Reuter.

STATE SECRETARY.

COL. STIMSON TO GET MR. KELLOGG'S JOB.

Washington, Feb. 2. Colonel Henry Stimson, Governor-General of the Philippines, who is coming to Washington from Manila next week, is considered the likely successor to Mr. F. B. Kellogg as Secretary of State.

New York, Feb. 2. The New York Times Washington correspondent says that President Coolidge will probably succeed Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes on the bench of the Supreme Court.—Reuter's American Service.

LATE PRINCE KUNI.

BURIED IN THE IMPERIAL FAMILY CEMETERY.

Tokyo, Feb. 3. The late Prince Kuni, father of the Empress, was buried in the Imperial family cemetery at Toyoshimagaoka, a Tokyo suburb, to-day.

All the theatres and cinemas voluntarily closed, and radios eliminated all music save dirges.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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MATTERS DEALT WITH BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

A statement that he was owed over \$100,000 by the Kwong Tung Wo Wo Kee Firm, was made by a creditor, Ng Cheuk-san, in the Bankruptcy Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) on Saturday morning.

An application by Mr. E. L. Agassiz, the Official Receiver, for a receiving order to be made was granted, and his Lordship told the creditor that he must give every assistance to the Official Receiver.

In another case a petition by Ng Hoi-tung for a receiving order to be made against a man named Lam Cho-yin, was dismissed by his Lordship. The petitioner alleged that the debtor had left Hongkong with the object of eluding his creditors and an application had been made for substituted service.

Mr. Agassiz pointed out that such service was not permissible if the debtor was not within the jurisdiction of the Court, and explained that considerable injury might be done to the debtor by delay. He added that he would oppose any application for an adjournment.

The petition was dismissed.

Other Cases.

Mr. Agassiz applied for an order for Adjudication in bankruptcy in a matter concerning the Ka Lun Pook Kee piece goods firm of Desford Street. His Lordship granted the application.

A matter indirectly concerning the recent actions against the South China Import and Export Company also came up, when Mr. Agassiz asked for the debtor firm to be adjudicated bankrupt. He said that an offer of a composition of 50 per cent, which was to have been paid to the Official Receiver by December 31, 1928, had not been fulfilled.

The application was granted. His Lordship granted an application for adjudication by the Official Receiver, in the case of the To Hing Hoi Firm, against whom a creditor had petitioned.

NEW GIANT LINER.

CUNARD COMPANY TO BUILD BIGGEST YET.

London, Feb. 2. Sir William Seager, President of the Chamber of Shipping, speaking at a shipowners' dinner at New Castle, said he had it on good authority that Sir Thomas Rosten, head of the Cunard Line, would at no distant date place an order for a new vessel which would top that for the White Star Line. He hoped the order would go to the Tyne, though he was afraid it was more likely it would go to Northern Ireland.

The new White Star liner mentioned, which will be the largest vessel in the world, is to be of about 60,000 tons. Previous reports of the Cunard Company's plans have been of a vessel of at least 60,000 tons and a speed of 27 to 30 knots. The type of propulsion is understood to have been the chief problem.—British Wireless.

Casablanca, Feb. 2. A French aeroplane from Dakar to Casablanca, carrying South American mail, is missing. Military aeroplanes are searching.—Reuter.

THE FLOWER SHOW.

NEW FEATURES AT COMING EXHIBITION.

Flower lovers in Hongkong should reserve the date, Thursday, the 21st, to attend the Horticultural Society's annual show of flowers and vegetables to be held on the Volunteer Parade ground from 2 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

The show will not only be the one occasion of the year that brings flower lovers together, enabling them to see what others are doing and giving encouragement to the gardeners, but also a unique opportunity to the general public to view a fine array of flowers of all hues. Anyone seeing the show for the first time cannot help being filled with one delightful surprise after another at the superb skill of the gardening fraternity of the Colony and wondering how a coterie of keen horticulturalists can create and bring together the myriad blossoms casting their lovely spell over us. Those who have seen the picture, "The Birth of a Flower," shown recently, can appreciate quite readily this fact and the joy that one can find in flowers and growing plants.

New blood is wanted, of course, among the exhibitors because we do not wish to see the same names appearing on the list year after year, but a number of new flower enthusiasts who can show us veterans what they can do. It is hoped that at the coming show, Kowloon will be well represented, particularly in the "Cut Flower" section. It is no more difficult to convey cut flowers from Kowloon than from the Peak. The show is open to all and the fee for non-members is fifty cents per exhibit. Those possessing a garden can exhibit in the section comprising pot plants, cut flowers, ferns and vegetables. For those who do not possess a garden, there are open classes in which they can display their skill at table decoration.

New Seeds.

Not the least attractive exhibit will be "A Vase for decorative effect." No questions will be asked as to whence come the flowers used in these two classes; they may be bought, borrowed or obtained in whatever way exhibitors may come into possession of them. Another great feature in the forthcoming show, which should be encouraged, lies in three flowering plants grown from seeds and new to the Colony. There is sweet whistling to the effect that one gardening enthusiast is entering catmint in this class. That being the case, one can envisage a Hongkong garden of the future with its trim borders of catmint—a plant so beloved of Flora Pilkington, the artist, who portrays so well the lavender spikes and grey green foliage in her paintings of garden borders in England.

Intending exhibitors should communicate with either Mr. J. A. H. Plummer or Mr. Andrew Tse (c/o Messrs. Bradley and Co. and Nippon Yusen Kaisha respectively) the joint-hon. secretaries who will be glad to help them in every way possible. Prizes will be distributed at 5.30 p.m. by Mrs. Southern.—Contributed.

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Nanking, Feb. 3.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is again suffering from a cold, and is under the care of physicians, who state that he must stay in bed awhile and must not attend any business.—Reuter.

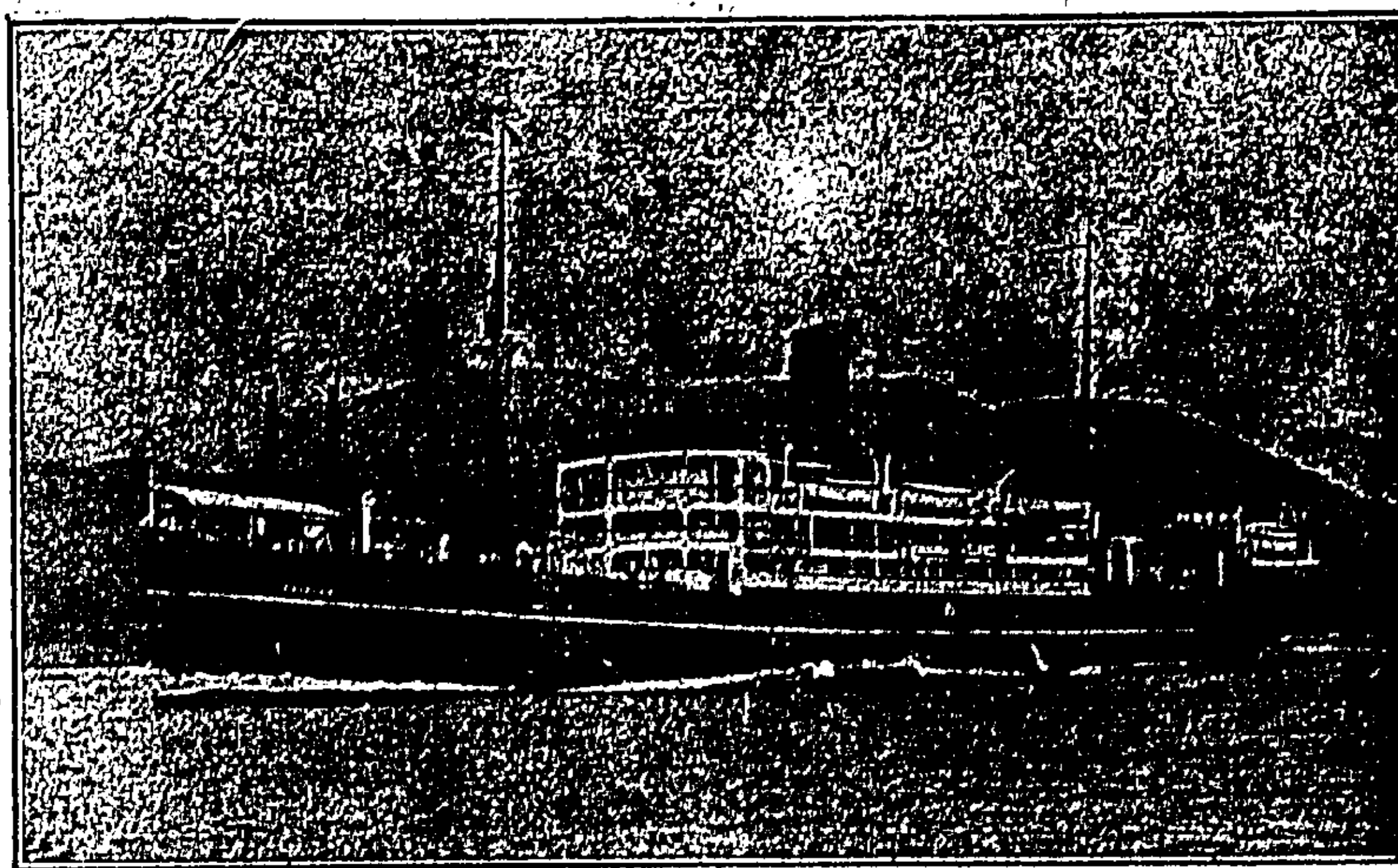
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IMBZAPORE	6,715	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TALMA	10,000	19th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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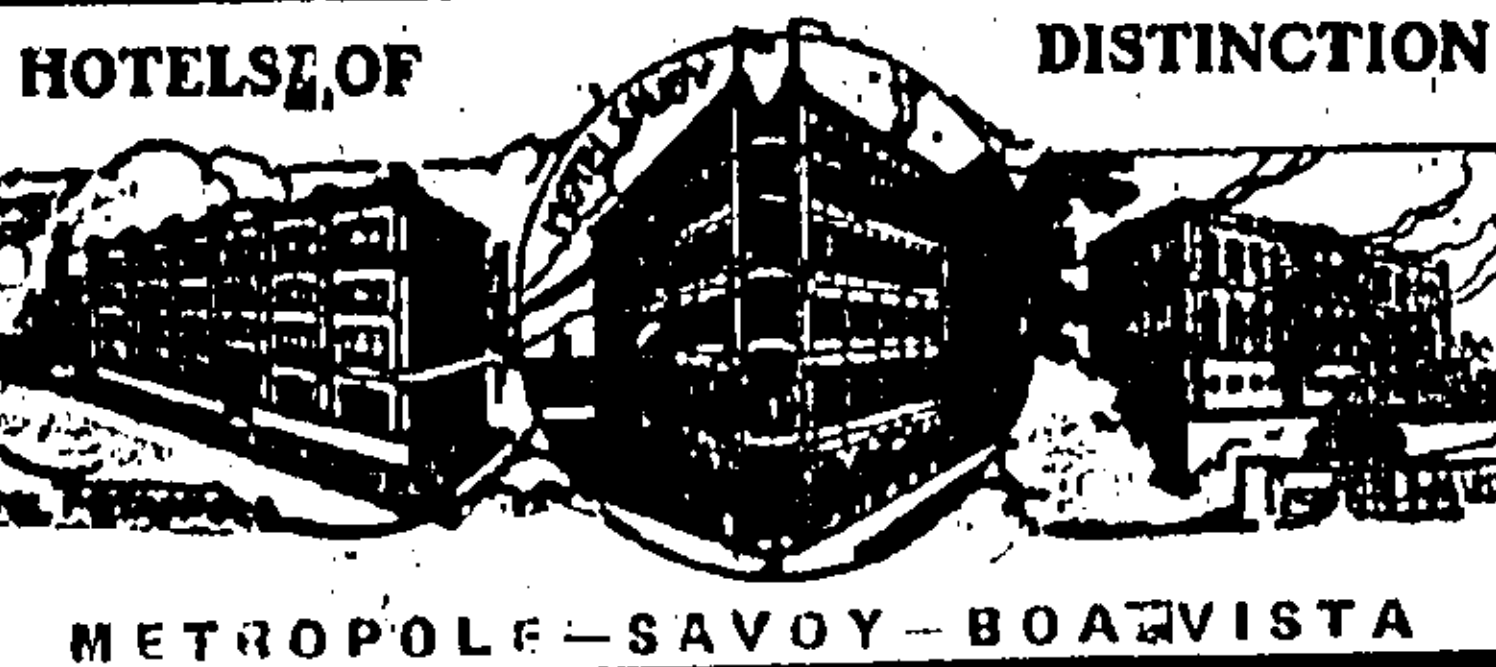
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YAUMATI HOVELS REMOVED.

FILTHY HUTS ON JETTY
CLEARED AWAY.

AGITATION SEQUEL.

During the past week, the collection of filthy Chinese hovels on the stone jetty of the Yaumati typhoon shelter, which recently formed the subject of enquiries at a meeting of the Sanitary Board, has been removed.

It will be recalled that in December, Mr. J. P. Braga, on behalf of the Kowloon Residents' Association, drew attention to the existence of these huts, which were described as a real menace to public health.

A visit to the scene by a Press representative showed that the hovels were erected on the spacious stone jetty forming the southern arm of the Yaumati typhoon shelter. In all, they numbered about forty or fifty and accommodated over a hundred poverty-stricken people who were living under the most insanitary conditions.

Official replies to Mr. Braga's questions showed that the huts were not licensed and could therefore be removed. The matter of their removal was referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Tung Wah Hospital authorities.

The desirability of removing the huts has evidently impressed the authorities, for the whole collection has now been removed and the jetty is thus no longer obstructed by these unsightly hovels.

BANDITS ARRESTED IN PEKING.

PORTION OF MR. EASTHAM'S
VALUABLES.

SERIES OF ROBBERIES.

Peking, Jan. 29.
Discussion in Chinese circles of the robbery of Mr. and Mrs. Eastham on the road from Peking to Tientsin on Sunday reveals the fact that banditry is much commoner now than it has been before in the environs of Peking. Chinese motor cars and buses are being robbed daily, while the blackmail of local merchants by armed gangs in the city is alarmingly frequent.

Chinese detectives yesterday arrested two robbers in a robber den in Peking. It is alleged that they are members of the gang which held up Mr. and Mrs. Eastham and which during the past fortnight has held up and robbed 14 motor-cars on the Peking-Tientsin road. It is understood they were in possession of some of the Eastham's valuables, which the police recovered.

LOCAL WILLS.

THE LATE CAPTAIN KAY'S ESTATE.

The following local estates have recently been dealt with at the Supreme Court:

Mr. George Albert Lloyd Kay, master mariner, who died on January 10, 1923, at St. Paul's Hospital, Hongkong, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$27,400. Capt. Lloyd Kay was the chief wharfinger at Kowloon at the time of his death. Letters of administration have been granted to Mrs. Edith Dalzell Kay, the widow, residing at No. 76a, Nathan Road Kowloon.

Mrs. Kay is shortly returning home with her son. Local estate to the value of \$21,000 and net estate in the United Kingdom worth \$18,834 was left by Mr. Edward Charles Dunford, who died on August 8, 1922. He was formerly of the Orchard, Northumberland Road, Wiltshire. There are four executors, for whom Mr. W. E. L. Shenton is attorney. Re-sealing of probate and two codicils has been granted to Mr. Shenton.

Letters of administration for the Hongkong estate of Mr. William Alfred Sampson Sparling, of Sunny Bank Hospital, Cannes, France, and of St. Brelades, Jersey, Channel Islands, who left estate worth \$24,300, have been granted to Mr. W. E. L. Shenton. Mr. Sparling died at Cannes on January 14, 1923.

CHINESE NEW YEAR SUICIDES.

Shanghai, Feb. 4.
Several tragedies have already occurred, and a number of attempted suicides have been reported to the police, the majority being of Chinese traders who are supposed to be unable to meet their obligations on the eve of the New Year. Our Own Correspondent.

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THE FUTURE.

NEW PLANS OUTLINED.

Interesting particulars of the services of the Royal Netherlands Indies Air Lines, Ltd., are forwarded us by the Hongkong office of the Java-China-Japan Line, which Company has been appointed Agents for this new enterprise.

The Royal Netherlands Indies Airlines Ltd. (Koninklijke Nederlandsch-Indische Luchtvaart Maatschappij), popularly known in the Netherlands as the "K.N.I.L.M.," was founded on the 18th of July last.

On the 1st of November, the air services were inaugurated by the Governor General at the aerodrome Tjillitlan, of Batavia.

First Lines.

The first lines in operation are a daily connexion between Batavia—Bandoeng vice-versa and Batavia—Semarang vice-versa. The latter will be extended to Soerabaya as soon as this town is in possession of an adequate aerodrome.

The first two months have proved that the air lines are going to be a great success and are even felt as a necessity owing to the present demand for quick traffic.

During November and December, 1,382 passengers were transported by the two lines in operation, whilst more than 650 passengers made use of the opportunity offered to make sight-seeing trips over Bandoeng, Batavia and Semarang.

This success was to be expected, the conditions for flying being practically ideal in the Netherlands Indies. Fog is absent, storms seldom occur and even when they do they are of a very local character and can be avoided. The tropical heat creates the advantage of a cool voyage through the air, without dust and smoke, as in trains.

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Future Extensions.

The Soerabaya line will be extended in the future to Koepang in Timor. This is the nearest point from the Dutch East Indies to Australia, so that as soon as the British airlines extend to Singapore and the Australian lines to Port Darwin, with co-operating line between this port and Koepang a regular connexion by air from England to Australia will be created.

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Helsingfors	1024
Athens	275
Rio	5.50/64
Bombay	1/5.1/64
Hongkong	2/7
New York	4.84 15/16
Gonova	25.51
Milan	92.674
Stockholm	18.144
Oslo	18.104
Prague	1634
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Lisbon	1004
Silver (spot and forward)	264

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RECAPTURED NEAR THE BORDER.

PRISONER'S DESPERATE BID
FOR LIBERTY.

CAUGHT AT LAST LAP.

A desperate bid for liberty by a Chinese arrested in connexion with the \$40,000 daylight armed robbery at Lower Castle Road last week was abruptly terminated at Shum Chan yesterday, where he was recaptured at the last lap of his effort to get into Chinese territory.

He had escaped from Police custody in Woosung Street Yaumati, on Saturday morning, and though handcuffed got clear away. When re-arrested, he had removed the handcuffs, and made excellent progress, to be baulked at the bitter end.

He was originally arrested in the course of a raid on a house in Yaumati by a posse of detectives, headed by Detective-Inspector Shannan.

As the result of examination, he was taken back to Woosung Street from the Central Police Station for the purpose of pointing out two other men.

In Woosung Street, it is alleged he pointed out one man to the police and was being taken across the street for the purpose of identifying a second man, when he made a bold dash for liberty.

The prisoner in crossing the road had to negotiate a jump of about two or three feet, on to the footpath. The detective in charge of him jumped first, but the prisoner, instead of following suit, turned back and by mingling with the crowd which had by then collected, escaped.

ACTION FOR LIBEL STRUCK OUT.

"DEFAMED" CONTRACTOR
DOES NOT PROCEED.

CHINESE NEWSPAPER.

An action for libel against the Wah Kiu Yat Po Chinese newspaper in which the sum of \$25,000 damages was claimed, was struck out by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Supreme Court this morning when neither the plaintiff nor his legal representative appeared.

The plaintiff was Chan Chak, alias Chan Pat-tong, a building contractor carrying on business at No. 1, Wing Wo Street, under the name of Chan Tai Kee. He sued the Overseas Chinese Daily News Limited, proprietors of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, the registered office being at Nos. 1 and 2, Yuen On Lane.

It was alleged by the plaintiff that on October 8, 1922, the newspaper concerned published certain words as a consequence of which he had been and still was greatly injured in his credit and reputation, and that he had suffered loss by way of special damage through the loss of a contract with the Yuen Cheong Tai Firm, No. 18, Lee Yuen Street West, to the extent of \$4,860.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. F. H. Losby appeared for the defendant.

Counsel asked his Lordship to exercise his discretion which was given him under a section of the Code, and to strike out the action with costs. Mr. Potter mentioned that it was an action for libel in which the sum of \$25,000 was claimed as damages.

The question was raised as to the notification of the plaintiff that the trial had been set down for hearing, when Mr. Potter stated that as the solicitors who were acting for the plaintiff (Messrs Hastings, Dennys and Bowley) were parties to the order fixing the date, he did not think any more was necessary to apprise the plaintiff that the case had been fixed for to-day.

His Lordship said he thought that should be enough but as it was a very technical procedure it would have been better to have sent notice of trial.

Mr. Potter stated that he would call Mr. W. D. Owen, of Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley, to give evidence on the point.

Mr. Owen stated, in evidence, that Messrs. Hastings, Dennys and Bowley were acting for the plaintiff and the latter had received notice that the trial had been fixed for to-day.

His Lordship accordingly struck the case out with costs.

The police attempted recently to drain a pool on the seashore between Dover and Folkestone, on the edge of which the nude and headless body of a child was found but found it impossible owing to the depth of water.

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